

THE PURPOSE OF THE THREAD

To help understand from an EA point of view how all the long term memories of the Soul’s evolutionary journey correlate to Uranus, Aquarius, and the 11th House, and how those long term memories correlate to what Jung called the individuated unconscious, this means content unique to each Soul, and/or the subconscious in Freudian terms. For the purposes of this thread we will call these Uranian memories.

When a Soul makes decisions and choices these are instinctually referred to this subconsciousness/ individuated unconscious because these long term memories serve as an existing context of reality of the Soul: that which has come before. It is against that backdrop that roughly 80% new decision/ choices are made.

Thus, to understand this content within the Soul is to understand why specific decisions and choices are being made.

To make a simple example: let’s put Uranus in the 8th House and correlate this to a Soul who has had traumatic experiences linked with abuse of trust, being manipulated and abandoned by others whom had been trusted, and experienced sudden loss of relationships based on misapplying it’s trust into others.

If this were a component of the Soul’s long term memories from other lives how would those Uranian memories affect the Soul’s decision and choice making relative to trusting others in general, and intimate others specifically ? The answer to this question would be found within the 8th House itself: The Soul would be instinctually suspicious and thus detached from others while a subconscious process was underway that is trying to determine where another is ‘coming from’: the dynamics of the others.

This would naturally occur relative to the Soul’s choice/ decision making of how and why to engage another, if at all, because of the Uranian memories being brought forth from other lives.

What we will be doing in this thread is to examine all of the archetypes that correlate to these Uranian memories. Thus, we will be examining natal Uranus by house, sign, the aspects to it, and the location of the sign Aquarius. We will be examining the S.Node of Uranus that all of us share given that it is in Sagittarius. Yet this will also have an individual application relative to the house that it is in, the aspects being made to it, and the location of it’s planetary ruler by it’s own house, sign, and aspects to it. We will also examine the sign that is on the 11th House cusp, any planets within the 11th House, the location of it’s planetary ruler by it’s own house, sign, and aspects to it, and all the archetypes that correlate to the location of the signs that whatever planets within the 11th House correlate too.

This may seem like a lot of reference points: it is. Yet, this is a way of saying/ demonstrating again that roughly 80% of our choice/ decision making occurs and the Uranian level of consciousness: the subconscious and/ or the individuated unconscious.

To me this is very important to understand in our Evolutionary Astrology because it can not only help ourselves understand ourselves better but of course the clients that we help: to know the why, the reasons, for the choices and decisions that we make.

Of course in EA it is essential that we also determine exactly why the Soul has created whatever experiences it has for itself relative to it’s own ongoing evolutionary journey that is defined, in essence, by the desire nature of the Soul itself. To know this is also critical in the understanding of knowing the reasons/ the why of the choices/ decisions that we make. In the end, we are all responsible for that which we create.

To that end it will thus be important and necessary to have some understanding of the core EA paradigm in all birth charts that correlates with the ongoing evolutionary journey of the Soul that is symbolized in Pluto paradigm, the lunar axis, the planetary rulers of those Nodes, and the four natural evolutionary states for the Soul to be within.

My plan is to start very slowly as we move through all of this material, and for all of you to participate. An an example we could discuss what some of the archetypal long term memories of say someone who has Uranus in Gemini that is within the 8th House. So I would then ask for all of you to think about what that could be, and to share by way of discussion within our thread your ideas. I will be interacting with all of you in this way as well. This kind of interaction, hopefully, will then allow for all of us to reach deep understandings of how that Uranus in the 8th House Gemini would manifest, and why.

So we will be going through all of the material in this way. My thought is to use a building block like approach so that this deduction process will lead to a state of inductive logic in which the whole is understood at once. So we could start with one point within a birth chart, i.e. the natal position of a Uranus, and then progressively connect it to the entire signature: the S.Node of Uranus, etc, etc, etc.

I understand that all of you participating will have different capacities at this point in time. Because of this I want to say this to all of you who are participating: do not compare yourselves to anyone else except yourselves to that you can then measure your own progress/ evolution as we move forwards, step by step. Remember, the value is always in the effort which will create the right outcomes at each step of the way. When you refer to "choices/decisions" it also evokes for me the lunar dynamic of a conditioned response as expressed by Moon and her South Node. We are multidimensional holograms, not 2D snapshots, so clearly, even if a function is centered in a single planet or archetype, it is also connected to the entire context of the other signatures in the natal chart. So, to sort this out, is Uranus the mental component, air element, of the subconscious process of making choices, that blends with the emotional dynamic, water element, contained in the Moon and its emotional footprint?

***No. These Uranian memories that are triggered that then condition the nature of the choices/ decisions being made by the Soul affect the entire organism as a whole. Thus all dynamics are affected and 'conditioned' by these Uranian memories***  
observations and questions about Uranus

. . . the long term memories of the Soul that determine roughly 80% of the choices/decisions we make at the Uranian level of our consciousness . . .

Q1. What about the other 20% of choices/decisions that we make? Are they conscious - and what planet rules them?  
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**Mercury, short term memories correlate to the 20%**  
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Q2. Does short term memory correlate to Mercury and the mind?  
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Yes, and to the left brain

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Q3. If long term memories are intrinsically part of the Soul and serve as an 'account of the past,' does evolution take place because of these memories/stories/connections to the past?

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Yes

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Q4. Would the purpose of some of these long term memories becoming conscious in the current life be to break away from the past through sudden insight and revelation?

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Yes

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Q5. Evolution takes place through the emotions (water). Breaking away from the past (Uranus) equals accelerated evolution. Evolution is effected through water and also through the air element?

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Uranus correlates to objective self knowledge that is then applied to the emotional body

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Q6. What is the difference between Plutonian desires/choices and Uranian desires/choices?

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All choice correlate with Pluto, Scorpio, and the 8th House. The long term memories of the Soul symbolized by Uranus are in place in such a way for the Soul to make ongoing choices relative to it's own evolution. In essence, the choices are triggered within the Soul because of the long term memories that it has that, in the context of consciousness in the human form, correlate to the individuated unconscious: Uranus

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Q7. Are past lives memories remembered by way of "visuals" or "traumas stored in the body" or purely through the mind?

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All the above

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Q8. Together with Uranus at the Root Chakra, there are also Pluto and Saturn. Do these three work together like this:

Pluto - all the Soul's desires for evolutionary reasons; Pluto acts like the 'headquarters' of the Soul that sends out its directives (via Mars)?

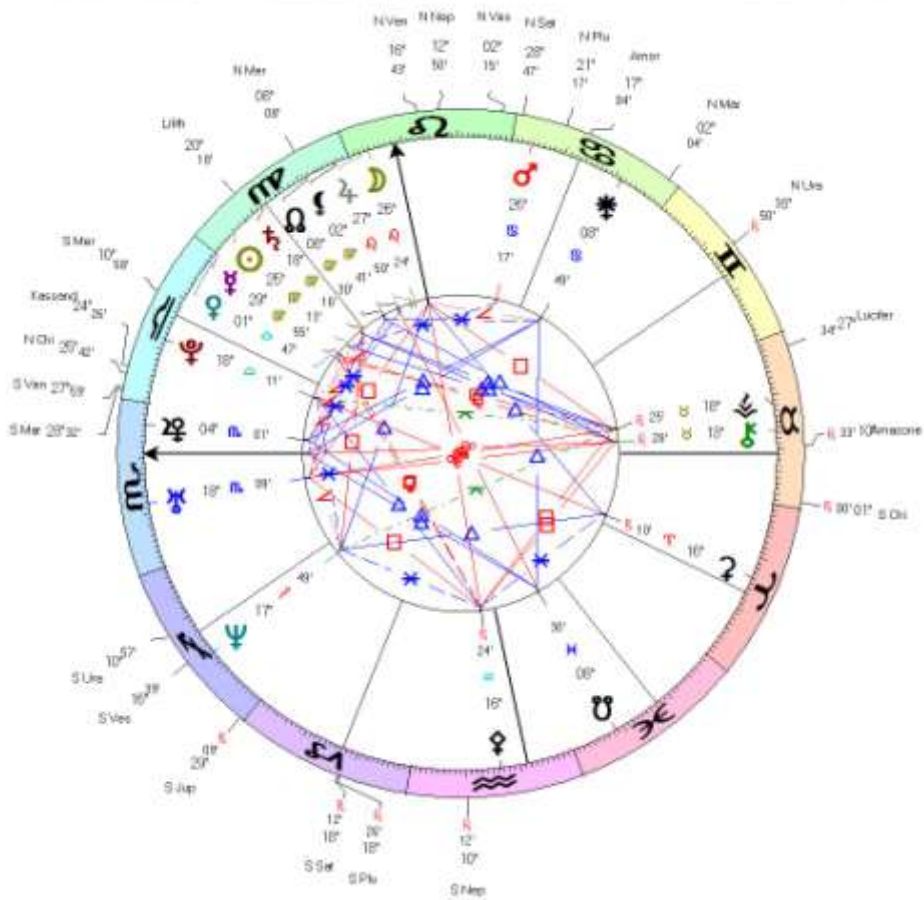
Uranus - all the Soul's long term memories; acts like the 'filing system or record system' of the Soul?

Saturn - the 'realities and structures' that the Soul creates in each life time for evolutionary reasons that are necessary for sustainment in Earth reality. Saturn acts like a physical container for the Soul and its memories?

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Yes

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I would like to start our thread on the long term memories of the Soul that determine roughly 80% of the choices/ decisions we make at the Uranian level of our consciousness by using the example chart attached below. To enlarge this chart simply click on the line that says 'example chart.jpg'.

Again, all of these long term memories are symbolized by the totality of the Uranian signatures, i.e. natal Uranus by house/ sign and aspects to it, the sign Aquarius by it's own house location with any planets in that house with aspects to them, the Nodal Axis of Uranus with the location of of it's planetary rulers with all aspects to them, and the 11th House by way of the sign ruling it, planets in that house, and location of it's planetary ruler by it's own house/ sign and aspects to them.

This example chart correlates to a Soul, among other issues brought forth from previous lifetimes, who refused through fear to take showers until around 13 years of age. Additionally, this Soul would go into bouts of hysteria any time his head would go under water for any reason. The Soul was making these choices despite the fact that the family he decided to be born into provided the very essence of love and security, safety, that he needed. In other words, there were no current life causes or reasons for this behavior, these choices by the Soul.

This is a simple example, for now, of how long term memories can determine the current life choice making that we make without actually knowing why.

The main symbols to focus on to see this in the Soul's chart are his Uranus in Scorpio in the 1st House, it's square to the Nodal Axis of Neptune with the ruler of the S.Node of Neptune being Uranus, the trine from Mars in Cancer in the 9th to that Uranus, that this Uranus is ruled by Pluto in Libra in the 12th that squares the Mars, the S.Node of Uranus in his 1st in Sagittarius which is conjunct his natal Neptune, the ruler of his 4th House S.Node of the Moon, and is ruled by the 10th House Jupiter conjunct the Moon in Leo, and the other aspects you can see linked with these signatures.

Because we are just beginning our thread, and since many of you are relative beginners, I will give you the past life reason that correlates with this Soul's long term memory that is the causative factor in his current life behavior/ choice making so that you can then see how this exactly correlates with the symbols involved.

His last life was as a Jew in Hitler's Germany. He went to one of the concentration camps as a child in the arms of his mother. Among other things that happened there this finally led to being ripped from his mother's arms and put into the 'showers' that were of course the gas chambers that led to his and others' deaths.

So right now I would like all of you to examine his chart with this knowledge so that you can see the signatures involved. If you have any questions please ask them of me now before we continue on. If you have any observations that you would like to share and/or ask about please do.

At what age was the child taken from his mother and put in the gas "shower"? I ask this to know if the fear of showering comes from that experience or if it may also be connected to other experiences in other lives since he goes into bouts of hysteria when his head was submerged, which could also stem from a fear of drowning, which may have happened in another life

#### **Uranian signature - Past life as a Jew killed in the gas chambers**

Here are a few notes regarding his Uranian signature:

Uranus Scorpio 1st house: Memories of violence, trauma stored in the body, powerlessness, loss, betrayal, abandonment, violation of trust, aggression, battle, war, death, power issues, rebellion against those in power, being 'different.'

Ruler of Uranus: Pluto Libra 12th – extremes, unconscious memories, domination/submission, victimization, martyrdom, masochism, disassociation, instability of the Soul, believing that others are good then suffering severe disillusionment at the betrayal of others, death.

Uranus opposite Vesta-Chiron in Taurus 7th: survival issues, sudden loss, starvation, death.

Uranus square MC: sudden betrayal at the hands of authorities.

Uranus opposite Lucifer in Taurus 7th: survival, starvation, death.

Pallas square Uranus: Pallas ruled by Uranus. Mental trauma, memories of atrocities, repeating thoughts.

Aquarius in the 3rd and IC/4th house: mental trauma and stress, memories rushing in, repeating thoughts, restlessness, sudden changes in family situation, traumatic family relations, emotional trauma, disconnect from the emotions, sudden separation from mother/security, objective observation, memories bring insight and revelation.

South Node of Uranus in Sag 1st: long term past life memories going back to the matriarchy. T-squaring the Nodes (developmental stress). Ruled by Jupiter Leo 10th – past life beliefs to do with authority/culture/race. Dying at the hands of the patriarchy. Lucifer square Moon-Jupiter Leo, evil, killing an innocent child, death because of race.

North Node of Uranus in Gemini 8th: psychoanalysis, transformation and healing of mental structures, alignment with powerful knowledge, death. Ruled by Mercury Virgo 11th (culminating degree): keen analysis and mental breakthrough and revelation, bringing healing, and tying up some final loose ends, mental healing.

Virgo on the 11th house cusp: mental revelations and insights, the details, analysis of past life dynamics, synthesis of memories that accelerate evolution, mental trauma and healing.

Saturn-Sun-Mercury in Virgo 11th, and Venus in Libra 11th. Ruled by Mercury Virgo 11th. Re-emphasize the Uranian signature.

There's a lot there to consider, but with all that information the pertinent astrological details that stand out and bring one to the conclusion that the Soul died in Nazi Germany in the gas chambers are:

Neptune in Sag skipped steps: Neptune correlates to gas. The beliefs that create one's reality, and the illusions and delusions that lead to disillusionment. The belief in the goodness of others. The belief of survival being crushed. This is seen in the flip flopping: being killed due to race (North Node Virgo 10th) by gas chamber (South Node Pisces ruled by Neptune), being ripped away from his mother (South Node Pisces 4th). The 10th house correlates to the regime of Hitler/Nazi Germany: the abuse of power. The egocentric structure being remodeled by way of focus upon North Node Virgo 10th: healing, forgiveness, changing masochistic ideas about one's race, and developing a stronger and healthier reality base through self-determination that will ensure surviving and thriving.

Relative to his Uranus placement in Scorpio in the First house and trust issues, there can be issues of abuse including sexual abuse. There may also have been intense situations of powerlessness and losses of freedom or of being painfully rejected by others. With Pluto in the 12th in Libra there can also be extreme disillusionment with others because of projected expectations that were not met. Mars in Cancer square Pluto also adds to the potential of various types of abuse and violence, even coming from family members. He may have trust issues in which he cannot trust anyone at all because of memories of sudden death or violence and abuse, although I suspect that he does trust his mother with the Moon conjunct Jupiter. Another difficulty experienced in past lives may have been of survival because of the opposition between Uranus and Chiron in the Seventh house and that could have led to him experiencing painful self worth issues and even hunger in past lives or this life.

**He did not trust his mother, or mothers, over many lifetimes. In reality he did trust his fathers. With his Moon/ Jupiter in Leo in the 10th, trine his Neptune, this correlates to that fact, and the fact that his fathers have also tried to play to the role of his mother and well as his father. His Moon, Jupiter are ruled by his Virgo Sun with is conjunct his Saturn, and the ruler of these, Mercury, is also conjunct that Sun. His father also played to role of his friend, and served as a vehicle of objective understanding, as well as vehicle of survival with the trine from the Virgo planets back to his Chiron and Vesta in Taurus in the 7th: his father giving him what he needed.**

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Linda pretty much covered a lot of possibilities that may of occurred in the current life or past lives that led to traumatic experiences and therefore the Soul can have these memories that have a lot of weight in the choices it makes.

If I'm correct the choices that any Soul chooses for itself correlates ultimately with Pluto.

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**Yes**

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Mercury/Jupiter will be connected to the mental functions of gathering and synthesizing information but Pluto is what correlates to free will and thus to our choices. The responsibility for our choices is Saturn and the acting out of these choices is Mars. Mars instinctively acts out the choices/desires stemming from Pluto which are many times connected to subconscious fears. The subconscious memories themselves would be Uranus while the emotional content of those memories correlate with Pluto. Correct?

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**Yes**

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Also I'm considering the reasons for him to create such experiences in his past lives, relative to his Pluto signature in the 12th house and it's various aspects plus the South Node in Pisces in the Fourth house and Saturn in Virgo square Neptune in Sagittarius, seems to indicate that deep within his Soul was and is the desire to learn forgiveness by being hyper vulnerable and powerless in the hands of others. This may be because of his own actions of judging and persecuting others in past lives that led to the need for these experiences in order to understand what it's like to be in that situation. Therefore forgiveness of others and of the self seems to be one of the things that he was and is actually currently learning. Is this the case?

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**Yes, but the forgiveness is not being learned because of his Soul being a prior perpetrator wherein he victimized others. The reality of this Soul is that it has been a Soul who has inwardly lived within the realm of natural laws that served as the basis of his natural expectations of how humans should treat one another. Thus, a Soul who is what we would now call inherently 'innocent': the archetype of innocence is Pisces, Neptune, and the 12th House. Expectations correlate with Libra, the 7th House, and Venus. Thus, his Soul structure manifesting egos, 12th House Pluto relative to S.Node in Pisces in the 4th, relative to it's ruler Neptune in Sagittarius in the 2nd conjunct his S.Node of Uranus correlate to the Soul's inner relationship to itself manifesting as the ego identities that it would create. With the Neptune squaring the Nodes there has been a series of recent lifetimes, not just the last one in the concentration camp, in which the Soul has been creating the experiences of being disillusioned by way of the actual nature of the world that has occurred since the beginning of the patriarchy: the perversion of natural laws.**

**In essence, the Soul has been learning through disillusionment about the nature of 'reality' as created due to this perversion. The forgiveness that you refer too manifests from this inner awareness within his Soul, essentially the same type of forgiveness that Jesus himself said upon being suffocated on the Cross: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do'.**

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One question sprang to mind after reading everything that Linda and Skywalker wrote. Here we are talking about a soul that is essentially a victim. He has a fear of drowning due to unconscious memories of dying in a Nazi gas chamber and other traumatic experiences throughout the course of time based on issues of trust, abandonment, abuse, sexual abuse so on and so forth. What flashed into my mind after reading all of this was something that Patricia Walsh said in a video. She was talking about victim and perpetrator lives and said something like it seems that many souls will create hundreds or thousands of victim lives after having been a perpetrator. What I am wondering, in a case like this, we are focused on looking at the chart from the pov of the souls being a victim. The memory of whatever caused the soul to create these types of lives must be represented by the chart as well. Are there specific astrological signatures that may be clues to what originally happened and when the "switch" occurred. By "switch" I'm thinking how we can see signs of a gender switch, so I'm thinking there may be signs of perpetrator/victim switching. Maybe? It would seem like his 10th/11th/12th house stellium that stretches from Moon in Leo to Pluto in Libra would tell much of the story of guilt and atonement. Is that correct? I'm also wondering about Chiron. Would Chiron, one's deepest wound, opposition Uranus have any significance here? I'm thinking maybe in terms of the soul having memories of a life in which it was a perpetrator rather than a victim come into awareness to some degree be it conscious awareness, or an awareness through dreams or some other form that is semi-conscious. I guess the bottom line of what I am wondering about is once we determine what past life trauma has caused present life behavior, how can we go further and determine why the saoul chose to experience all that past life trauma in the first place.

Looking forward to your thoughts and those of anyone else who has anything to add.

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**Hi Cat,**

**He did and does not think of himself as a victim as all. He had and does fully accept the responsibility of his own actions. Examine the 10th and 11th Houses including his Sun being conjunct Saturn. His question about all this was very simple: "why did I create all this".**

**Whenever any Soul can not accept the responsibility for their own actions it creates the victim of course. When a Soul creates this sense of being a victim it does not automatically equal or correlate to it then desiring to victimize others: to be some sort of perpetrator. It can of course but it is not some automatic thing. In his last life he was one of four to five million Jews, two to three million Gypsies, and other 'undesirables, that were rounded up by Hitler's forces and sent to the concentration camps. Does that mean then that all of them are victims who were, as some**

previous point, perpetrators victimizing others ?

Some initial thoughts...It seems to me that there is a duality within each archetype that expresses itself in any planetary placement. So where there are signatures of victim there are the very signatures of where the soul has been the perpetrator and is in process of working it out in order to have full understanding from all angles, and balance them within the soul, using outer experinces to do so. This particular function of the soul is represented or described by the nature of the libra quality within the zodiacal wheel.

So, Uranus in Scorpio can express the types of truama (in this case Scorpio thermes which ultimately deal with intimacy) that has happened over a timeline of incarnations or egos (represented by Uranus) and the trauma is being the perpetrator for some time and then the pendulum eventually swings to the trauma of being the victim (or vice versa) and here that soul utilizes all that Scorpio represents to understand the depth of intimacy (because ultimatly it may be that the truth of the soul is intimacy with itself and all of creation). So it will use the positive and negative polarities with peak experiences to the degree it needs based on the evolutionary requirement and desire (peak experiences represented by Pluto and Scorpio) such as themes of sex, death, loss, betrayals, abuse, personal resources that are then shared not shared/ abused, and the extremes of that in relationship (Pluto in Libra) in order to find a balance, so that the soul can come to healthy terms relating to its own soul ( which is inherantly connected to the soul of others) and the bottom line of experienc itself (Scorpio) that is experienced within and in the outer world. This also shows with Pluto in Libra because with Pluto in Libra the soul is intending and attempting to find a healthy balance that is required for true intimacy within the soul (Scorpio) that is experienced within and then in the outer world, initiating to what degree it is ready to the next level of experience with Scorpio themes, the following archetype. With Uranus being in Scorpio in the 1st it also appears to me that the soul intends to see this and so has created signatures of having instinctual behaviors (Scorpio Uranus ASC) that are vivid and instinctual for the ego to ask why and address what is under the surface. As it addresses and heals this it will more and more instinctually express the soul itself (Scorpio on the ASC). Uranus reresents the trauma that perhaps has had to happen based on the degree of ego attachment and scurity, to shake up the ego, to get the ego (Leo) to let go of its attachments or crystalizations (Saturn) in order for the truth (Sag) of the soul to come through the ego, which is why it appears we incarnate so that we can experience and express the love within the soul more and more and more. With Saturn conjunct the Sun...the signature when less developed can be holding onto the ego structures to some degree and the restrictions or attachments (Saturn) of the ego, but also the intention to eventually cultivate and provide a container for humility and healing (Virgo) to be expressed through the ego ( and communicated through Mercury) through that signature...that there is the capacity to do that with that signature, making the signature be an expression of love and healing rather than expression of restriction and ego attachment in a negative sense. So, it appears to me that the intention seems to work out themes of intimacy with self and relationships (using the extremes of those experiences or experinces that reflect lack of intimacy) that also spread out into group and the collective experience, and its utilizing these signatures and experiences to reflect and understand that on a deep and thorough level in order to be ready or have the capacity to experience another level or depth of intimacy and love with self and others.

I am not super educated on planetary nodes so I will follow along on that to learn, but with Neptune in Sag in the 2nd, Chiron in Taurus in 7th on DC (wound in self reliance and values in relationships), and Mars in Cancer in the 9th, I think that it points to the problems that could be associated with the extremes of matriarchy... there could be a codependancy that was established in the psyche where the mother principle or security (trust) was distorted by the extreme, and so created an illusion in regards to the role of mother and emotional security, and ultimately placing trust in outer circumstances to keep one emotionally secure. When that happens it places empowerment based on whats happening on the outside rather than empowerment based on the self or emotional security developed within. The soul would then create experinces in order to reveal that, and find empowerment from within, which is then linked to trust because ultimatly the only thing we can truly trust is our own personal ability to connect with self/source and understand how to rely on self (Taurus and 2nd) and develop in a way that helps us grow beyond present circumstances. The Mars in Cancer shows the anger that could be experienced there when it places emotional security outside of itself but the emotions there intend to effect the conscious desire to provide for its own emotonal security and trust within itself. I think the Cancer archetype, the feminine, also represents Earth as mother, self as mother so again its saying mothering self and trusting self as mother and providing security. This is then a way to get clear in regards to the illusions that may have been set up regarding Truth (Sag) and self reliance (2nd house), and illusions in regards to connection to self/source....so developing or evolving the Neptune Sag signature....Ultimately learning to empower oneself and trust oneself as it connects and aligns to Truth.

My posts are going to read like EA for Dummies compared to the detailed analyses here, but I'm very new, so I will just point out what stood out for me, and some of it has been pointed out already.

With Uranus 1st/asc that correlates with prior life of early death, likely of a violent nature. The Mars/1st house keywords that make that connection for me are: new beginning, violence, losing freedom. I feel like another significance of his trauma (Uranus) signature being in 1st house is so he has an instinctual connection to the trauma, allowing it to surface in this life for resolution and healing (Virgo). Using keywords from Scorpio: death, abandonment, betrayal, cataclysmic evolution, I see how his past life story correlates to his Uranus in 1st in Scorpio. I also note the significance of Uranus in Scorpio representing a trauma imprinted into his soul and etheric body. In his 11th house he has Saturn/Mercury/Sun and I think they are conjunct?? each other in Virgo, meaning his soul wants to liberate (Aq) from crystallized (Saturn), learned guilt (Virgo).

I would think this soul is masochistic in nature secondary to significant learned guilt relative to his recent lifetime experiencing religious persecution on a traumatic scale. I would expect to see him manifest a deep sense of mistrust in relationships, but he will also effect deep healing through them as they will be a primary method of bringing traumas to the surface for healing (Pluto in Libra). His 1st house Uranus means that feeling a sense of freedom in his life is important to him, so this may also create issues in intimate relationships as his Uranus in Scorpio trauma comes to the surface creating an inner dynamic of fear of abandonment/betrayal that competes with his instinctual need for freedom. The 12th house Pluto would also make him prone to projecting onto others, so I would expect him to have some challenging relationship dynamics in his life.

I just did a class on aspects and phases, so I'm going to work on studying them this weekend and try to post some observations on that.

Rad mentioned something about looking at the nodal axis of Uranus and it's planetary rulers. How do we find the nodal axis' of the planets?  
***That is a good question about the victim/perpetrator switches. I really don't know if one can see it in the way one can see a gender switch but with this chart we can see that with the North Node in the Tenth House in Virgo, that he has the need to learn responsibility for his emotional nurturing or reality and to develop his self image in a healthy way thru effort and hard work. It's a matter of consciously desiring to embrace these evolutionary lessons in order to grow beyond dynamics of victimization.***

I would like to re-orienatate this thread to it's purpose which is to understand how the long term Uranian memories of the Soul correlate to roughly 80% of the choices / decisions we all make.

So, for example, in the chart that has been posted this Soul has had a series of prior lives, memories, that correlated to the fact that in the current life he found it almost impossible to be freely and openly emotional with anyone, including his own parents: choices being made at a Urania level of consciousness. When he would be held, even as a young person, his physical body would freeze that of course mirrors what is going on in the emotional body.



So looking at his chart what can you see in his prior lives that would explain this ?

**Emotional body**

To account for the Soul's frozen emotions when he had been held as a child that mirrors what is going on in the emotional body:

1. The interpretation of any symbol in the chart begins within the context of Pluto, the Soul, from which all evolutionary desires originate. We must first look at Pluto Libra 12th. Pluto and the 12th house are both water archetypes pertaining to the emotions and sensitivities, while Libra is an air element which pertains to feelings that trigger the emotions. We can ascertain from these symbols that the Soul created this experience in the first place for its own evolutionary purposes. Any instability in the consciousness of the Soul correlates to Pluto Libra 12th.
  2. The natural trinity that correlates with the emotions is made up of:
    - Cancer, Moon, 4th house
    - Scorpio, Pluto, 8th house
    - Pisces, Neptune, 12th house
- The evolutionary intention of the Soul, Pluto Libra 12th, is to learn to expand his consciousness by having a relationship with the Divine which will then deepen his natural empathy for the human condition. This evolutionary development would demand opening up the emotional body triggered by feelings. As the emotional body opens up it will then correlate to new perceptions and new thoughts (Mercury Virgo 11th, Mercury ruling 8th house, North Node of Uranus Gemini 8th), and new methods of healing (Pluto polarity point Aries 6th).
3. Pluto is ruled by Venus in Libra in the 11th house correlating to the air element. This correlates not only to feelings that trigger emotions, but also to the relationship the Soul has with itself and with others. Any form of 'relating' the Soul has with others will lead to feelings that lead back to the emotional and psychological trauma of the past life group hysteria in the concentration camp. There is a Soul need to liberate from these past life wounds that are held in the body by repeating the experience of aversion to touch that will be a repetitive signpost to the past life content, providing a way on how to act (Uranus 1st) and how to heal (Mars rules 6th, North Node Uranus 8th).
  4. Touch correlates to Taurus, the senses, and the 2nd house. In the 2nd house, Neptune the skipped step planet forms part of the water trinity. The Soul's physical body is sensitive to every touch that triggers the past life trauma/victimization held in the body and emotions. The Soul has a hiding signature - in the safety of the well - from anything on the outside that will hurt him. From the security of the well, however, the Soul is able to observe the emotional and physical dissociation from his own physical body. Sagittarius in the 2nd house will build up the self-worth and survival skills by aligning with Natural Laws, eg gardening using natural methods that preserve the soil structure, intake of healthy vegetables/foods, and seeing the Divine in Nature.
  5. The 2nd house also correlates to food and sustenance of the physical body. To recover the Neptune skipped steps the Soul would need to pay proper attention to the body's needs for sustenance. The Uranian memories could also create a disconnect or 'denial' of his own body: escaping reality by living in the clouds, daydreaming, taking drugs, or creating delusive philosophies that do not stand up to Natural Laws and result in ideological disillusionment.
  6. The shock and trauma of the Soul's emotional upheavals the experiences of which originate in the Soul (Pluto Libra 12th), lead to objective observation of the emotional body thus releasing these frozen emotions, observing them, receiving flashbacks of past lives, experiencing repeated messages, and then finally being able to act upon, transform and heal the emotional body through various Virgoan means.
  7. Another area of emotional fragmentation correlates to Uranus ruling the 4th house where begins a new evolutionary cycle. The 4th house draws the Soul's instincts and attention to the new cycle that began at the 1st house (Uranus Scorpio 1st) regarding his foundation and security. Uranus Scorpio 1st is another "choice" made by the Soul the effects of which will affect his innermost security, foundation and family structure. This house contains the South Node Pisces to which a flip-flopping had occurred for many lifetimes. The Soul is moved to internally investigate the bottom-line issues of life and death, security, basic needs, food, shelter, home, in effect seeking 'proof' that the new thoughts/directions (Uranus Scorpio 1st) will lead to establishing secure roots. The opportunity for healing and renewal of this life's egocentric structure comes by way of re-experiencing the trauma (frozen emotions) that will eventually lead to repeating messages of the way to act. Through the cardinality/initiating action of the 1st and 4th houses, the Soul will internally carry out an objective observation of his dysfunctional roots from past lives that had lead to death in the gas chambers.
  8. The emotional body can be healed by going back to Pluto Libra 12th - aligning with Source energy - the Pluto polarity point in Aries 6th - focus on health and requirement for forgiveness - and resolving the Neptune skipped steps - emotional (and physical) healing via Natural Laws. The relationship to Source can bring balance and restoration of the Soul's broken trust in humanity.
  9. Frozen emotions can correlate to the Moon in the 10th house where there is emotional control and repression. Also, Uranus ruling the 4th and Mercury ruling the 8th, whereby the Soul does not fully feel his emotions, but tends to intellectualize them.
  10. Another explanation for the frozen emotions and aversion to touch is seen through the South Node Pisces 4th, its ruler Neptune 2nd, and North Node Virgo 10th ruled by Mercury Virgo 11th. Neptune, the skipped step planet, in the 2nd house correlates to touch and the senses. Uranus Scorpio ruling the 4th house cusp could account for sexual abuse in the family, and a lack of trust in mother or other family members. The South Node in Pisces in the 4th house, ruled by Neptune Sag 2nd, can mean rejection of the mother or other family members through aversion to their touch. Perhaps there had been an 'over-stimulation' by touch in past lives by the mother or other family members. Saturn conjunct the North Node is a healing and

*transformative influence that provides an evolutionary forward with the father principle being a key factor.*

*11. Jupiter Leo 10th ruling the skipped step planet Neptune, the Moon Leo 10th, and the North Node Virgo 10th will all be the means by which the Soul will learn to accept responsibility for its own actions, stop blaming the parents, gain control over the emotional swings, and see oneself as the principle nurturer of self.*

*12. Another symbol in the chart that correlates to aversion to touch is Uranus in Scorpio 1st opposite Lucifer-Chiron-Vesta in Taurus 7th. Chiron is obviously the wound. Lucifer in Taurus stands for the opposite of the intended reality: Taurus = the senses, touching others, being touched - and Lucifer in the 7th house = creating the opposite reality: an aversion to touch.*

What stands out to me relative to his inability to trust others and open up emotionally is Uranus in Scorpio in the First House with Aquarius on the Fourth house cusp indicating intense emotional trauma relative to power dynamics, abuse, violence and abandonment issues by those he trusted the most in past lives. Even thou he was taken from his mothers arms he may of had the expectation that his mother would of been able to protect him and may of been highly disillusioned by her inability to do so in that experience he had in the camp.

With the Moon in the Tenth House in Leo he may have difficulty to express emotions due to the past traumatic experiences he experienced including an innate fear of judgement, thus coming into the world with an inability to be close to anyone in order to not feel the extreme vulnerability he felt in the past as symbolized by the South Node of the Moon in the Fourth house in Pisces. Thus the Uranian subconscious memories of traumatic abandonment, violence, powerlessness and so on are what leads to him suppressing his emotions in order to be secure and attempt to prevent himself from repeating similar traumatic experiences in the current life. He may also be emotionally fractured and dissociated and in need of reintegrating parts of himself. These reasons to me are what causes his inability to feel close to anyone plus there can also be a subconscious desire to be a loner with Uranus in the First House in Scorpio because of these dynamics.

Why the freeze?

The emotional freeze stems from having mothers in particular who were conditional in their loving, beyond being totally unaware of what he needed, they would place demands on him, the classic "I will love you if", or "If you really love me you will do this", the love being removed if he was not perfect in their eyes, or if he did not measure up or do what they wanted him to do. He may have also been told by a mother in a more royal time, Moon conjunct Jupiter in Leo in the 10th, that if he cried or showed emotion, he was not a man, or that it was a sign of weakness. This is seen with Uranus in Scorpio square Moon in Leo with Jupiter in the 10th.

This is a Soul who also felt emotionally caught in between, Pluto in Libra in the 12th square Moon in Cancer in the 9th. Like any innocent child , they will want to please both parents, but in this case when the mother was using the father as a pawn in her play, this will create an emotional freeze in this child, knowing his father is a true ally and a friend, Saturn in Virgo and Sun, Ruler of his Moon in Leo in the 10th isextlie, Uranus in Scorpio trine Moon in Scorpio, yet hearing something else all together from the mother. His freeze is about being told things that were not true about people that he does love and trust, in particular his father, when he knows the opposite is true, that his father would in fact die for him, Pluto in Libra in the 12th squares Mars in Cancer in the 9th, ruler Moon conjunct Jupiter in Leo in the 10th.

The Mother may have also pulled him away from what felt secure, ie the father, and removed him without warning, manipulating him to believe that his father was aware of where he was going. Themes of sudden separation from the father or being hidden from the father can be seen with Saturn in the 11th in Virgo square Neptune in Sagittarius, ruler Jupiter conjunct the Moon in Leo, also the Nodes of Uranus are square his Saturn in Virgo in the 11th. The mother may have also hidden the child from the father, Pluto in Libra in the 12th, ruler Venus in Libra in the 11th conjunct Mercury, ruler of his Saturn in Virgo and Pluto in Libra in the 12th square Mars in Cancer in the 9th. The mother may have been telling the child lies, degrading things about his father, saying too that the father did not love him, that he was nothing to him. Perhaps too the child, because of his innocence would have come to believe the lies were true, which would have created tremendous trauma.

Due to his inherent emotionally innocent nature, SN Pisces in the 4th house, he would have naturally/instinctually trusted others with his emotions, Moon in Cancer in the 9th, trine Uranus in Scorpio in the 1st, yet whenever he would open up and innocently trust, there would be consequences for extending his trust. His difficulty in expressing his emotions comes from a fear connected to misplaced trust, trauma when trusting the wrong people, especially mothers, the one person every child has a natural need and instinct to trust, "If I can't trust my own mother, then what?, I can't even trust myself."

In essence, it was not safe to trust. Whenever that trust was extended, when he opened up his heart and allowed himself to be vulnerable a shock would result. There may have also been cases when he allowed for some time to pass in order to feels things out, Moon in the 10th, square Uranus, knowing in the past that he had over trusted too soon, and yet still, even after some time, when he would finally come to a place of readiness to give and open up to that deeper connection, all would be taken away, and the disillusionment would be total once again.

Ultimately this sent messages such as, "If I love them they will leave me, If I love them, they will deceive me. Also it may be that every time he hugs someone he loves, he may feel it to be the last time, if I hug them I will lose them, or if I show love we will be separated?

**-Yes, very, very accurate. All of it.**

**This is just basic EAs as I ran out of time and did not get a chance to look into phases and planetary nodes"**

Here we have a soul who has unconscious memories of past life events which are the root cause of his inability to be openly and freely emotional with anyone, including his own parents, in his current life. These past life memories are memories of circumstances and events that have resulted in mental trauma which has built up within the soul to such a degree that his emotional body has been affected by these memories as well and causes his physical body to freeze whenever anyone touches or attempts to hug or hold him.

Past Intention and Desire: Pluto in Libra in the 12th House semi-sextile Uranus in Scorpio in the 1st; sextile Neptune in Sagittarius in the 2nd House; inconjunct Chiron Rx in Taurus in the 7th House; and semi-sextile Saturn in Virgo in the 11th House.

The soul's past life intention and desire has been to align itself with some type of transcendental belief system in order to realize the unity of all of creation and to experience itself as part of this whole.

*First, thanks for taking the time that you have to work on this. Generally, your EA analysis is very good. One correction though is that this Soul had no desire to align itself with a transcendental belief system because he has rebelled and rejected all 'belief' system out of hand. This Soul wants direct experience versus beliefs of any kind. Thus, the core of this Soul is one that is in natural alignment with the Natural Laws of Creation that include natural ways to expand the consciousness. In this way such a natural expansion then allows for direct perceptions and the knowledge that these types of perceptions generate. This Soul was born with it's 3rd eye totally open for example, and this remained that way for all the early years of his life. As he became ever older the left brain became full of his circumstantial life that included many traumas and crisis's that, by their nature, 'captured' his consciousness in such a way as to create a distancing from his right brain and the perception of that 3rd eye.*

*One of the core causes of so many of his past life traumas has in fact occurred because of religions and the 'beliefs' that manifest from them. This is seen via his Uranus in Scorpio in his 1st squaring the Nodal Axis of Neptune in his 3rd/ 9th Houses. And, of course, Neptune itself is in Sagittarius squaring his Lunar Nodal Axis. His last life as being born Jewish in Hitler's Germany is an example of this, but only one example spread over a bunch of prior lives. His bitterness towards religions and their stupid beliefs is total.*

*Also, he has had several past lives in which the relationship with his fathers has been very positive and supportive even as the mothers in those lives would be the types of mothers that Kristin illustrated in what she shared with us.*

In addition, the soul has been learning how to develop an objective awareness of itself as well as learning to understand its individuality in a social context. In the process of actualizing these past life intentions and desires, the soul has also been learning to eliminate all intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual attachments that have been preventing or blocking its growth. In the process the soul has also been learning to realize the nature of illusions, delusions, dreams as well as to actualize and establish its own authority in society.

Chiron in Taurus = a wound of neglect that results in a low sense of self-worth and self-esteem in the realm of relationships. Possible sexual rejection - inconjunct = purposeful inner criticism.

SN Pisces 4th ruled by Neptune Sag 2nd

In order to actualize these past life intentions and desires, the soul has created a series of lives in which it would experience a great deal of wounding and trauma in childhood in order to eliminate all of its emotional attachments, including those related to its family, parents and home. These experiences have of course, wounded and scarred the soul's emotional body. In past lives the soul has been born into family situations in which one or both parents have had drug and/or alcohol problems and/or other situations in which the soul has learned that the mother, father, home, and country (homeland) cannot protect it and make it feel secure. It has been learning that security has to come from within and that it has to sustain itself. This all goes back to the soul's need to eliminate all intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual attachments that have been preventing or blocking its growth.

Distant Memories

Aquarius is on the third house cusp ruled by Uranus in Scorpio in the 1st house semi-sextile Neptune in Sagittarius the 2nd; opposition Chiron in Taurus in the 7th House; sextile Saturn in Virgo in the 11th House; semi-sextile Pluto in Libra in the 12th House.



The individual in his current life is very much influenced by unconscious memories of past life circumstances and events that resulted in a great deal of mental trauma and left an imprint on the soul via the emotional body. Past life events have prevented or blocked the soul from actualizing its special destiny and have prevented it from doing much of what it intended to do in many or all of its past lives. In most, or all, of its past lives, the soul's life has been cut short due to war or other acts of violence. It is almost as though the soul does not want to form emotional attachments to anyone or anything as past life memories of lives cut short have left the soul with a fear that the same thing is just going to happen again.

Note that Uranus is sextile Saturn which is an indication of physical trauma as well as mental trauma and in this case correlates to physical wounds and/or death due to war or other types of physical violence. Uranus is in Scorpio indicating emotional or psychological trauma. Uranus is also semi-sextile Neptune which correlates with a type of psychic trauma which manifests as severe disillusionment or a feeling of emptiness.

Also note that Uranus is inconjunct Chiron in Taurus in the 7th house. Chiron is said to correlate with one's deepest wound. Here we see that unconscious memories from the distant past cause the soul to be very critical of itself due to memories of neglect in past life relationship resulting in a low sense of self-worth and low self-esteem. It is possible that some of this neglect was sexual in nature.

In the past the soul has experienced the horrors of war resulting in feelings and memories of powerlessness, abandonment, loss, and abuse. These experiences were all related to the soul's past life intention and desire to eliminate all intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual attachments that have been preventing or blocking its growth and realize the nature of its illusions, delusions and ideals, in order to align itself with a transcendent belief system and experience itself as part of the greater whole. In order to actualize this desire, the soul has experienced death time and time again with groups of other people in war type situations rather than alone.

So again, with Uranus in Scorpio in the 1st, along with the aspects it makes to other planets in other houses, the soul has subconscious memories of premature or early life endings in which its life ended violently during wartime along with groups of other people. These subconscious memories are the root cause of irrational fears the soul exhibits in its current life. These are fears of losing control and fears of becoming emotionally involved with others as doing so only leads to pain, loss and abandonment. At the same time there is a fear of betrayal as the soul has trusted others in the past who have either betrayed him leading to his death, or have failed to protect and save him from death. These violations of trust have created feelings and subconscious memories of abandonment and intense loss resulting in mental and psychological trauma which has an unconscious but very real impact on the individual in his current life.

Another issue here is projection. These unconscious past life memories cause the individual to either project psychological motives, agendas and intentions onto other people, especially those the soul forms relationships with, or for others to project the same on him. This of course makes it very difficult for the individual to trust other people, especially those closest to him as the individual is very perceptive in terms of the psychology and motivations of others, but can easily project his own subconscious intentions and motives onto others as well. This in itself leads to more mental trauma especially in the realm of relationships.

The 11th House, which is ruled by Uranus, hosts the Sun, Saturn, and Mercury in Virgo as well as Venus in Libra. It is very likely that the soul has experience indifference from others or has not be acknowledged for its accomplishments in the past by society or its peers. With Uranus in Leo and Leo on the 10th House cusp, the soul has a need and desire to be acknowledged as special in some way. As we have seen this has failed to occur as the soul's life has often been cut short. At the same time, the soul has memories of lives in which one or both parents have been dysfunctional in some way, absent, or emotionally unavailable. As we have seen with the South Node, the soul has likely drawn parents who had drug or alcohol problems. It's also possible (SN Pisces) that the father may have been a sailor away at sea most of the time, or the parents and/or other family members just simply have not been there on some level life after life after life. In lives in which the parents and family have been present, they have failed to acknowledge the soul in some way. At the same time, mainstream society has not accepted or acknowledged the soul for some reason or has misjudged the soul in some way. The soul may have experienced a sudden loss of its social position or career in past lives or may have simply felt out of place in its environment. These past life memories may result in bouts of depression in this life as well a psychologically self-defeating attitude towards life. Again, this is due to unconscious memories of being blocked or prevented from actualizing its past life intentions and desires in prior lives. This can then lead to the individual feeling as though there is no point in working towards its goals or attempting to actualize its ambitions as it will only be blocked or defeated by forces outside its control once again. These past life memories then color the way in which the individual understands life. All of the individual's ideas, opinions and points of view are colored by memories of life cut short and being prevented from actualizing the evolutionary intentions and desires of the soul. It is almost as if the individual can no longer distinguish what he knows to be in the present from what he unconsciously remembers from the past. Past memories are just as real and influential as circumstances and events from the individual's current life. This in turn makes it hard for the soul to relate to others and reinforces any feelings of alienation that the individual may feel.

In addition to feelings of alienation, the individual is likely to experience a sense of psychological separation and isolation from his immediate environment. He is more likely than not to feel as though others in his

immediate environment are critical of him and are persecuting him in some way. The individual is especially prone to have problems with co-workers as he likely has a different approach to work than "the consensus" in his field of work. This coupled with unconscious feelings and memories of not being good enough create further mental trauma within the individual's psyche. This then leads to one crisis after another in the individual's daily life. Again, the root cause of much of this is subconscious memories from past lives in which the soul experienced persecution and ridicule. These past life experiences have resulted in the individual feeling victimized on some level and feeling different than other people. This in turn leads to feelings of frustration and isolation. In addition to this, the individual has unconscious memories of having experienced sudden, unexpected disruptions in his personal life and relationships in the past. These disruptions resulted in the fracturing or termination of many of these relationships. In most cases, projection was involved here with the soul and those it formed relationships with each projecting their own dynamics onto the other. These projections in turn were the root cause of psychological or mental trauma in their own right. As a result of these past life experiences and subconscious memories of them, the individual tends to avoid becoming overly involved with others which has the effect of creating further trauma for both the individual and his partners and/or associates. Memories of sudden loss in the realm of past life relationships often causes such an individual to remain detached, especially in "intimate" relationships. The individual is very likely to attract others who are equally detached. This results in relationships in which neither partner really feels connected to the other, which once again creates additional trauma.

As though all of this isn't enough, the individual also has unconscious memories of material loss in past lives. It is very likely that these losses are due to the soul belonging to a particular religion (Urn in Sag 2nd) or because of the soul's beliefs and values. These past life losses have resulted in many lives in which the soul has found it self living in poverty or physically or emotionally destitute.

SN Uranus = Sag 1st ruled by Jupiter Leo 10th is square the Lunar Nodes SN Pisces 4th NN Virgo 10th

With the SN of Uranus in Sagittarius the soul has unconscious memories of living in tune with nature and Natural law. Having these memories and then having lived in cultures and societies that are not in harmony with nature and Natural Law is also a source of stress and trauma within the soul. As we have seen, the soul's past intention and desire has been to align itself with some type of transcendental belief system in order to realize the unity of all of creation and to experience itself as part of this whole and to understand its part within this whole.....

#### **What called my attention is that this would be a case of 'conditioned' fear.**

This means that a 'neutral' stimulus –the shower in this case-became associated with a negative or noxious stimulus-death (the extremely violent death, by gas of self and many others in the context it occurred; the physiological response to the poison, etc.). Thus, the neutral stimulus became capable because of this association, to trigger an unconditioned or instinctual response which originally, ie. before the experience, was connected at a physiologic and neural levels with the unconditioned stimulus only. Both stimuli were simultaneous or immediate- shower, then death by gas- implying that memories exist in which these are connected, or in other words are part of the same total memory which encoded the various sensory, perceptual, emotional, cognitive etc. aspects of the experience, all the various stimuli that compounded the experience in total.

These memories were first created at the time of the experience. Even though there are currently various theories and models about where are memories stored in the brain, it appears that at least "memories are first stored within the same neural pathways in which the experience is produced". This seems to be true in what relates to the sensory perceptual and emotional aspects of the memories, in 'non-declarative' memory which in PTSD are recalled first as physical sensations, perceptions, which recall the physiological states of the original memory imprint.

In the case of 'conditioned learning', the memories arising from the unconditioned response-the physiological and emotional response to the traumatic event- are associated through neuronal synapses which by themselves are not part of the instinctual circuitry that links the unconditioned stimuli with the unconditioned response. This occurs at least in simple models such as those used by Kandel, beyond the strengthening of existing connections through repeated synapse signaling, through modulatory connections that are created because of the neutral stimulus being simultaneous to the activation of the pathways relating to the negative stimuli and the unconditioned response, and/or the intensity of the stimuli. These triggers the release of serotonin and glutamate as second messenger, versus only glutamate. Serotonin acts on the neuron to increase cyclic AMP and to cause protein kinase A and MAP kinase to move to the nucleus and activate CREB. The activation of CREB, in turn, leads to the expression of genes (that are turned on or off) that change the function and the structure of the cell. Thus, memories of the neutral stimuli that become associated with the main pathway of the noxious simultaneous stimuli involve the activation of genes –Scorpio-within the cell nucleus –Scorpio- for the creation of new proteins-Scorpio-, ie. receptors, dendrites, structures required for new neuronal connections (Uranus in Scorpio in the 1st House-proteins correlate with Pluto, neurotransmitters correlate with Uranus, receptors correlate with Venus and the 2nd / 7th House).

According to Kandel these type of traumatic memories would be similar in how they are created, to

'conditioned learning': "Repeated shocks to the tail are a significant learning experience for an Aplysia, just as, say, practicing the piano or conjugating French verbs are to us: practice makes perfect, repetition is necessary for long-term memory. In principle, however, a highly emotional state, such as that brought about by a car crash, could bypass the normal restraints on long-term memory. In such a situation, enough MAP kinase molecules would be sent into the nucleus [Scorpio Uranus 1st House] rapidly enough to inactivate all of the CREB-2 molecules, thereby making it easy for protein kinase A to activate CREB-1 and put the experience directly into long-term memory [Uranus]. This might account for so-called flashbulb memories, memories of emotionally charged events that are recalled in vivid detail"

This model is disputed in various ways, from those who sustain that memory is stored in functioning circuits only, versus specific brain areas/neurons, to those who believe that memories are encoded only in single neurons. However according to Damassio, the whole network of neuronal connections involved in the original memory is further recorded in 'one' neuron which has the capacity to recall that complete network, and thus, to trigger the complexity of states-emotional, perceptual, sensory-within the pathways where it originally occurred.

The interesting thing to me is that the above means we can track in the birthchart:

1) The brain areas, pathways and neurotransmitters that were involved originally at the time of the event. Here we can see, among other systems involved, intense activation of separation distress or panic circuitry (Panksepp) involving the anterior cingulate cortex (South Node in the 4th House squared by Uranus first House, the Moon square to Uranus, Moon opposition to Pallas in Aquarius); the bed nucleus of the stria terminalis which is part of the Limbic system (Scorpio Uranus ruled by Pluto in the 12th House, South Node in the 4th House, Moon square to Uranus, etc.), with its connections to the amygdala (Scorpio, Uranus, Moon); the preoptic area in the hypothalamus-Uranus, Moon-the periaqueductal gray within the midbrain-south node in the 4th House squared by Uranus-and the dorsomedial thalamus-Uranus. These circuits involved in panic/separation response are mediated by endogenous opioid (Pluto in the 12th House ruling Uranus in Scorpio, South Node in Pisces), oxytocin (12th House Pluto square Mars in Cancer in the 9th House, South Node in the 4th House ruled by Neptune in Sagittarius), prolactin (same correlations), Corticotropin-release factor (CRF) Neptune in the 2nd House in Sagittarius, and glutamate (Uranus). Further, with Uranus squaring the nodes the stress response system was activated involving the hypothalamus, pituitary and adrenals, with increased release of stress hormones cortisol, epinephrine and norepinephrine. Also, the hippocampus-Uranus-and surrounding parahippocampal, perirhinal and entorhinal cortices -Uranus, Moon/4th House - involved in long-term memory encoding (...) relating to nondeclarative forms of memory, in which the memories are expressed as "experience-induced changes in performance unrelated to awareness".

2) same time, we could be able to 'know' the very neural pathways that not only created the experience, but which also contain to date or at birth, the original memory imprint.

3) In this case the Uranus 1st House Scorpio reflects the extreme intensity of the experience and how it became encoded within short-term and long-term memory systems, ie. by the strengthening of existing synapses-Uranus, Mercury-within the connections between the unconditioned stimuli/response by increased release of glutamate-Uranus; and within the connections of these pathways to those mediating the associated or conditioned stimulus through serotonin-Uranus-in the context of all the other neurotransmitters released within their 'normal' pathways.

Uranus first House Scorpio is a significator of the 'unconditioned' stimuli and its 'normal' or innate pathways involved in the unconditioned or instinctual response. I wonder whether it is possible to discern from the birthchart alone if 'conditioning' has occurred in which a neutral stimulus has been associated with an unconditioned stimulus? And to know the nature of such stimuli/memory from the chart alone? Could we deduce the nature of the conditioned stimulus by the nature of the symbols, or should we rather deduce this conditioning has occurred through observation/correlation?

*Through observation/correlation relative to the natal chart symbols themselves. Those symbols, of themselves, correlate to a spectrum of possible archetypes to be orientated too relative to the ongoing evolutionary journey of the Soul: past, present, and the future. Thus, it is the individual Soul context that they tells us which of those archetypes of the Soul is orientating too. It is this specific individual Soul orientation that then allows for the direct observation/ correlation to take place.*

And, since 'classic conditioning' is a type of 'learning', would the conditioned stimuli that has been paired with the unconditioned stimulus/response, correlate with Mercury, ie. new neural connections formed for the association to occur? Even though Uranus directly correlates with the 'unconditioned', it also correlates with 'deconditioning' and thus, the Uranus archetype reflects types of memories the Soul needs to decondition or disassociate from its natural neural pathways. Thus, the symbols for the conditioned stimulus could also include Uranus.

I note this would be a special type of long-term memory formation, where the neural process ended abruptly because of traumatic death, and thus, no repression as such occurred of the memories following the trauma.

Levels of disassociation could have been involved-Plut0 12th House, South Node Pisces ruled by Neptune Sagittarius square the nodes, but no repression as such. This seems to imply that it would be the memory traces existing at a Soul level which, in current lifetime, and because of their non-resolution and intensity, recreated the neuronal connections of the original experience, inducing unresolved inner states arising from the experience and their potential to be triggered by the unconditioned and conditioned stimuli part of the original memory imprint, and perhaps 'repression' as such would have needed to occur in the current lifetime.

**Chiron opposition to his Uranus.**

- For the bulk of his previous lives this Soul has lived in small, rural, remote environments/ small groups of communities that were more or less living in accordance with Natural Laws. In order for this Soul to evolve it has to move away from that, and into the perverted patriarchal world in order to not only learn about such a perversion, the causes of it, BUT TO ALSO BEGIN THE NECESSARY EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS OF GIVING BACK TO OTHER SOULS.

For that to happen the Soul, by necessity, had to learn about the perverted patriarchal reality that has been created by human beings. Thus, all the relatively recent lifetimes of living in the context of that patriarchal perversion defined by their religions.

Thus, this becomes the basis, his individual Soul context, of all the wounds generated by the projections of others upon him .. the Chiron opposition to his Uranus.

- "Now I am looking at the Uranus opposition Chiron along with the SN and NN of Chiron. I see that the SN of Chiron is in the very earliest part of Taurus in the 6th house. Would this mean that the soul has just recently begun to help heal others who have a similar wound as his? Others who have also lived in small communities close to nature who now also have to learn to cope with patriarchal reality?"

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**The ruler of the S.Node of Chiron is Venus which is also the ruler of the N.Node of Chiron, and Pluto itself which is conjunct that N.Node of Chiron. Venus is in the 11th House which correlates to his desire to engage MANY different types of people in conversation wherein he can help others objectify the nature of their own realities in order to help them come to terms with who they are. Within this he can use the vehicle of 'right work', here what we can call karma yoga, to do the same. He is a musician who uses he music, he is in a group of musicians, to do just that.**

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"Looking across at the NN of Chiron, it is at 25 degrees Libra in the 12th House. What does this mean? In order to heal himself and help heal others he needs to learn that all of what others (patriarchal society) have projected upon him is nothing but illusion?"

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**See above. The nature of those projections upon himself and others may be delusive in the last analysis, yet, at the same time, the AFFECT OF THOSE PROJECTIONS ARE VERY REAL. Through his work and through conversations with many others he has the affect of helping others understand and come to terms with such things.**

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"Uranus here of course being unconscious memories of beginning with this?"

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**Beginning with what ?**

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"What would be the meaning of the NN at 25 degrees Libra and the SN at 01 Taurus? Would that mean it took him a while to realize this is what he needs to do (NN Chiron) being that both nodes are not at the same degree in opposite signs?"

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**See above. No in all charts the N/S Nodes of Chiron are rarely in direct opposition. He realized early on that he wanted to be a musician, to use music as a vehicle to help himself and others heal, and to do whatever work was necessary to support himself while he developed is 'right work', the work he really wanted to do.**

**This is what I see in the chart that I think speaks to the difficulty expressing emotion...** (I apologize



for being late in getting to this. And thank you for the opportunity to participate as a beginner.)

Uranus in Scorpio in the 1st house trine Mars in Cancer in the 9th seems to speak to the memory of a traumatic separation from the family at a young age in a prior life. The Moon in Leo in the 10th squaring Uranus also speaks to the emotional trauma/crisis experienced as child. Mars squaring Pluto in Libra in the 12th adds further emphasis to the crisis that was experienced, as well as to disillusionment - the loss of innocence and damaged trust. Also the potential for the loss of faith that love, safety and comfort exist or are available. The reality of the past was one in which it wasn't safe to express emotions and/or they weren't met with love and support.

I notice that the Pluto/Mars square, the Uranus/Jupiter Uranus/Moon squares and the Neptune/Saturn square are all last quarter squares. I understand that the phases don't directly correlate to signs and that the last quarter square is experienced as a crisis in consciousness, but does the last quarter phase have enough of an affinity with Aquarius that it can be directly interpreted as symbolizing trauma - or a key source of Uranian unconscious memories?

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**The last quarter phase does contain archetypes that correlate with Uranus so the answer is yes.**

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If these memories haven't been consciously processed but are operating at an unconscious level the Soul will be perhaps unconsciously expecting the worst - or a repeat of the situations from prior lives and this would affect the ability to open up emotionally in this life. The soul has experienced much trauma with all of the Uranus aspects and all of the planets in the 11th house - which can lead to dissociation from the emotional body. He has perhaps also internalized a lot of guilt and shame from any abuse suffered, with Virgo on the 11th and Mercury and Saturn in Virgo in the 11th - which may also contribute to it being difficult to express emotion. It seems that his emotional development was perhaps arrested at a young age, when he would have been so open and vulnerable. 6 or 7 years old falls within a time when children are, I think, forming more of a social identity. So to have this trauma occur at that time seems to have hindered healthy development at a time when he was maybe really needing to explore healthy relationships, heart-connection and be able to give and receive compassion and love (not that that's not needed all of the time)

Uranus opposing Chiron/Vesta/Lucifer in the 7th really stands out as well - reflecting perhaps the extremity of the trauma experienced and the shock of losing loving relationships and witnessing/experiencing the horrors that other people could commit.

The 11th house Saturn and Sun, squaring Neptune in the 2nd could indicate the shock to the body, loss of a sense of safety, confidence, joy and love. Also, I think the loss of a feeling of safety around expression of emotions is indicated with Mars in Cancer and its aspects, South Node in Pisces in the 4th and the Moon square Uranus. In a concentration camp, he would have been in survival mode and perhaps been cut off from his emotions due to being overwhelmed by them and not having the space or support to express them.

Pallas stands out to me too. Pallas in Aquarius in the 3rd squaring Uranus in Scorpio, Vesta, Chiron and Amazone in Taurus and opposing the Moon in Leo may speak to the strategy for survival that he had to adopt in an extreme situation? Letting go of what wasn't absolutely necessary, just trying to stay alive. Also perhaps to having rebelled and that not gone so well? Or to having spoken at an inopportune time? Or simply to not having his voice heard, his cries not met with comfort and love, and in fact met with very harsh words instead.?

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**Yes to all of this.**

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Also, the connection of Aquarius to the lungs/breath stands out to me in relation to how he died and to the connection of calm, deep breathing with being able to express emotion. Perhaps Capricorn on the cusp of the 3rd and some of Aquarius in the 3rd, reflects his breath/voice/emotions being repressed. There is perhaps a lot of grief here as well. Finally, I also think of fight/flight/freeze here - the freezing being a natural response to stress - and maybe emotions being stressful for a nervous system that is overwhelmed due to trauma from the past.

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**Yes. And, in fact, when he was younger he had severe asthma, intense sleepwalking wherein he lost connection to the the current life by way of reliving what happened in his last life in the concentration camps, and would also stop breathing during sleep.**

- I like the idea of understanding how the ego is conditioned by the subconscious memories the Soul

contains, as represented by Uranus. Maybe we can look at a couple more charts to understand these dynamics a bit better or go deeper into this chart.

In the case of this person, from what you shared, it seems that one thing he would choose in this life, would be to be totally independent and rebel from man made religions or belief systems because of the traumas that he endured in past lives. This represented by the square from Uranus in Scorpio to the Nodal axis of Neptune in the Ninth and Third Houses. Another would be to be on his own, First House, in order to be secure that the rug would not be pulled from underneath his own two feet.

**No. This is capacity to remember is based on the evolutionary condition of the Soul. The evolutionary 'capacity' to remember, generally speaking, occurs from the 1st Spiritual Stage onwards. This itself is relative to the progressive shifting in the center of gravity within the Soul's consciousness itself: from the ego to the Soul. There is a natural veil or barrier that the Source Of All Things has created to prevent spontaneous memory until Soul's have evolved to the point of being able to integrate such memories without disturbing the stability of the Soul until it can do so. There are of course a very limited amount of cases wherein some Souls do have these sorts of memories without this necessary evolutionary capacity: the veil is not 'perfect', so to speak. Yet in those cases, most, these memories occur in childhood and are typically forgotten, or receded into the Uranian part of our consciousness.**

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And what about seeing the various past life ego's one had, the ego's themselves are represented the South Node of the Moon if i'm correct but then how could one separate the various past life ego's from one another, if various ego's are contained within the symbol of the South Node?

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**This can only and naturally happen relative to the evolutionary capacity of the Soul itself: see above. In EA this can be done via geodetic equivalents however. But that is not actual remembrance: it is applied EA that allows for this Uranian, or objective, knowing because of the nature of EA.**

- ***The various past life ego's are reflected in all the past lives that the Soul has created for itself. The S.Node of the Moon, it's planetary ruler, all the various aspects to this by their own houses, signs, aspects to the natal Moon itself, planets in the 4th House, aspects to these, and then applying all this to geodetic equivalents, ages/ sub-ages can be used to do this.***

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And also when seeing past life ego's, what space is our awareness in? I ask this because I have been in a state in which I was able to see and experience two or three past life ego's of my own and saw how we progressively evolve thru the emotional bodies of those ego's and wonder what space are we in when we access those ego structures.

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**This space, again, is reflected in the natural evolutionary capacity of the Soul..**

"Something I would like to understand better are the subconscious choices themselves. Since they are subconscious how can there be an actual choice? It seems that the choices are subconscious emotional choices, Pluto, made thru natural gravitation towards a sense of security."

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**All choice correlate with Pluto, Scorpio, and the 8th House. The long term memories of the Soul symbolized by Uranus are in place in such a way for the Soul to make ongoing choices relative to it's own evolution. In essence, the choices are triggered within the Soul because of the long term memories that it has that, in the context of consciousness in the human form, correlate to the individuated unconscious: Uranus.**

**In the case we have worked with thus far and this Soul made 'choices' to not to get underneath a water head in a shower, for example, that choice was taking place at a subconscious level. It's not like he was standing in front of a running shower and then consciously thinking or deciding 'gee, not sure I want to do this or not'. The choice was being made at the subconscious level of his consciousness that manifested as a terror of the shower head upon sight leading to an instant flight reaction. This of course reflects the PTSD his Soul was literally born with.**

**PTSD directly correlates to Uranus, Aquarius, and the 11th House. This might be something to explore in this thread in order to see how unresolved trauma, PTSD, affects the choices the Soul makes in life.**


**The Uranus long term memories of the Soul when ignited instantly manifest into Mercury as conscious thoughts without the awareness, in most Souls, of this link.**

The idea to explore the potential for PTSD as symbolized by Uranus in the birth chart is very interesting and valuable for those learning EA and helping others. It seems we all come into this life with varying degrees of PTSD due to the distortions of the patriarchy.

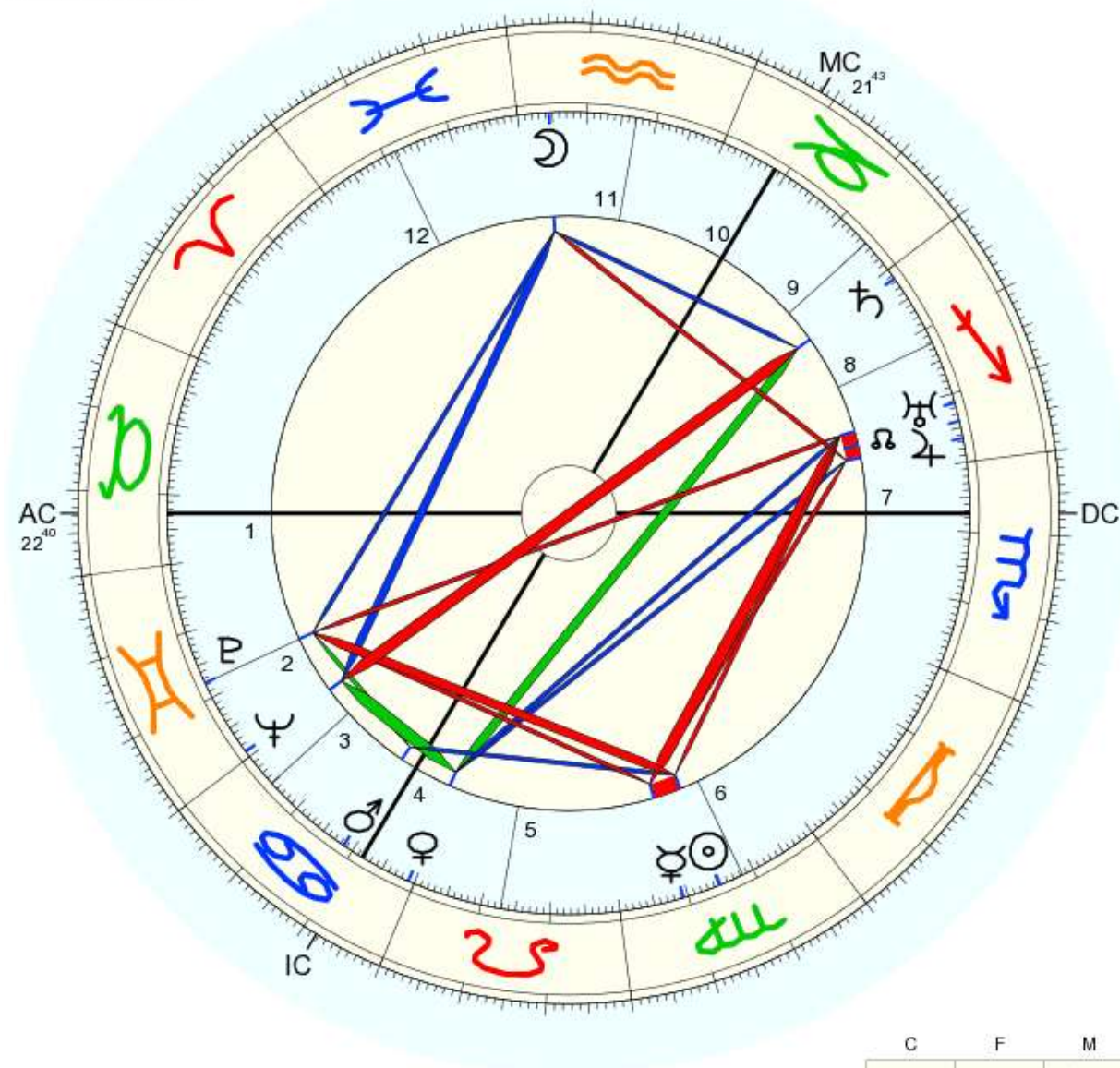
The linkage between Uranus and Mercury is also very interesting. The higher and lower mind and their interaction. Also the link between Mercury and Jupiter which are the rulers of the North and South Nodes of Uranus.

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☉ Sun	♏ 14° 43' 50"		
☾ Moon	♏ 25° 30' 13"		
☿ Mercury	♏ 9° 18' 50"	Dom. Exalt.	
♀ Venus	♏ 29° 5' 42"		
♂ Mars	♉ 18° 31' 1"	Fall	
♃ Jupiter	♉ 3° 26' 22"	Dom.	
♄ Saturn	♉ 28° 27' 19"		
♅ Uranus	♊ 8° 38' 35"		
♆ Neptune	♊ 29° 5' 22"		
♇ Pluto	♊ 17° 40' 52"		
♁ Mean Node	♊ 5° 55' 48"		
♄ Chiron	♉ 19° 6' 41"		
♁ Lilith	♏ 2° 19' 1"		
AC	♉ 22° 39' 35"	2: ♏ 17° 43'	3: ♏ 4° 55'
MC	♏ 21° 42' 36"	11: ♏ 12° 53'	12: ♏ 18° 21'

we will move forwards now by focusing on the correlations of Uranus, Aquarius, and the 11th house to the psychological condition called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and it's connection to long term memories that affect the choices the Soul is making in it's life that are conditioned by PTSD. Remember one of the correlations of Uranus, Aquarius, and the 11th House is also one of projecting: projections. Thus, unresolved traumas, Uranus, etc, that manifest as PTSD are projected into the immediate situations of one's life, and/or into the future itself. So below is a succinct definition of PTSD with an additional link to Wikipedia and an extensive discussion of what this is. Please read through this and if you have any questions please ask them of me know. After this we will then begin some very basic EA work that can become more extensive depending on the desires of those who are participating in this thread..

In the beginning we will simply start with some simple possible signatures such as Uranus in opposition to Mars and continue to build upon those simple signatures to include the entire signature for PTSD in a whole birth chart. This can include PTSD brought forwards from other lives and how to see and understand this, and can include the Soul creating PTSD type events in the current life.

So, for now, please read through the below.

God Bless, Rad

### What is PTSD?

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can occur after you have been through a traumatic event. A traumatic event is something terrible and scary that you see, hear about, or that happens to you, like:

Combat exposure



- Child sexual or physical abuse
- Terrorist attack
- Sexual or physical assault
- Serious accidents, like a car wreck
- Natural disasters, like a fire, tornado, hurricane, flood, or earthquake

During a traumatic event, you think that your life or others' lives are in danger. You may feel afraid or feel that you have no control over what is happening around you. Most people have some stress-related reactions after a traumatic event; but, not everyone gets PTSD. If your reactions don't go away over time and they disrupt your life, you may have PTSD.

How does PTSD develop?

Most people who go through a trauma have some symptoms at the beginning. Only some will develop PTSD over time. It isn't clear why some people develop PTSD and others don't.

Whether or not you get PTSD depends on many things:

- How intense the trauma was or how long it lasted
- If you were injured or lost someone important to you
- How close you were to the event
- How strong your reaction was
- How much you felt in control of events
- How much help and support you got after the event

What are the symptoms of PTSD?

PTSD symptoms usually start soon after the traumatic event, but they may not appear until months or years later. They also may come and go over many years. If the symptoms last longer than four weeks, cause you great distress, or interfere with your work or home life, you might have PTSD.

There are four types of symptoms of PTSD :

Reliving the event (also called re-experiencing symptoms)

You may have bad memories or nightmares. You even may feel like you're going through the event again. This is called a flashback.

Avoiding situations that remind you of the event

You may try to avoid situations or people that trigger memories of the traumatic event. You may even avoid talking or thinking about the event.

Negative changes in beliefs and feelings

The way you think about yourself and others may change because of the trauma. You may feel fear, guilt, or shame. Or, you may not be interested in activities you used to enjoy. This is another way to avoid memories.

Feeling keyed up (also called hyperarousal)

You may be jittery, or always alert and on the lookout for danger. Or, you may have trouble concentrating or sleeping. This is known as hyperarousal.

Can children have PTSD?

Children can have PTSD too. They may have symptoms described above or other symptoms depending on how old they are. As children get older, their symptoms are more like those of adults. Here are some examples of PTSD symptoms in children:

Children age birth to 6 may get upset if their parents are not close by, have trouble sleeping, or suddenly have trouble with toilet training or going to the bathroom.

Children age 7 to 11 may act out the trauma through play, drawings, or stories. Some have nightmares or become more irritable or aggressive. They may also want to avoid school or have trouble with schoolwork or friends.

Children age 12 to 18 have symptoms more similar to adults: depression, anxiety, withdrawal, or reckless behavior like substance abuse or running away.

What other problems do people with PTSD experience?

People with PTSD may also have other problems. These include:

- Feelings of hopelessness, shame, or despair
- Depression or anxiety

Drinking or drug problems  
Physical symptoms or chronic pain  
Employment problems  
Relationship problems, including divorce

**original cause for PTSD to develop later ...**

- psychological distortion

An example of what I mean by this would be an outer planet transit simultaneously to many natal planets at the same time causing unasked for and little understood latent psychic powers in a person to suddenly open up, become active, with subsequent random use of such powers then causing havoc in their relationships.

It was an eye-opener to me when I realized that these kinds of inner highly personal events can also be so traumatic that they can result in PTSD just the same as something more outer and objective like a physical/sexual assault or natural disaster. But with the exact symptoms of PTSD manifesting in the person as a traceable result of such an "event", it being a cause for PTSD was undeniable.

As we begin this focus on PTSD it is vital to understand that there is always a reason, cause, that the Soul has for creating whatever trauma(s) that it does that can lead to PTSD. Those reasons or causes can be as varied as life itself: there is no one reason or cause that applies to all Souls.

Beyond the individual Soul whole groups of people, races, can also experience trauma's that lead to PTSD as a group or people, or race. Again, the causes or reasons can be many, and within this we need to remember that any group or race of people is comprised of individual Souls. Thus, all Souls who experience a collective trauma have their own individual reasons for being part of whatever group or people, or race of people. A simple example of this point would be the Jewish people who have invented a belief that essentially says 'we are the chosen people, and, as a result, we deserve to be punished'. Given the nature of such a belief it should not be any wonder why then this race of people has created the types of traumas to itself that it has. The holocaust of WW2 speaks for itself.

We also need to understand that Soul's can also be the cause of creating trauma's for others. This of course also includes whole groups or races of people who create trauma's for other groups of people and/ or individual people. And, again, the reasons or causes within an individual Soul for doing so, or a whole group of people, or race of people, can be many.

The core intention of creating trauma, individually and collectively, is to bring something to the forefront of consciousness that needs to be examined so that a liberation, a freedom, from the dynamics that are the causative factors for the trauma to take place. Remember one of the archetypes of Uranus, the 11th House, and Aquarius is liberation from some existing reality that is preventing the ongoing evolution of the Soul itself, or whole groups or races of people as well.

So as we move forwards with our EA examination of PTSD it will be imperative that we understand these simple truths.

let's begin our EA journey with PTSD is a very simple way. We will start with a very simply. So let's start with putting Uranus conjunct Saturn in Taurus in the second house. If we focus on the archetypes of the Soul's inner relationship to itself, that which constitutes meaning for life itself, the value associated with this meaning, how the Soul relates to others from the core of it's inner relationship to itself, the Soul's relationship to it's own sexuality via it's ongoing evolutionary needs to grow, and what inherent resources it posses in order to affect it's own need to survive what types of traumas that could lead to PTSD could we deduce from this Saturn/ Uranus conjunction in Taurus ?

**Uranus conjunct Saturn in Taurus in the 2nd house**

**Planetary pairs, Saturn and Uranus:** Collectively, this pair establishes the social tone, structure, impulse, every 48 years. The last conjunction took place in 1942 in Taurus. The context at that time was WW2 and life was on the line. The instinct for survival of the human species is the archetype of Taurus. The revolutionary impulse of Uranus redefining the current structure, Saturn. The maturity in the late 60's was a radical revolution in values, Taurus, personal and human values. The effort was made to radically redefine society itself. The Jews' attitude in the concentration camps was that it was an act of revenge to survive and became a slogan amongst the Jews in the camps. The original conjunction is now in a balsamic state with itself and is getting ready to form another conjunction next year [1988]. This next one is most important because it is going to be taking place in the center of our galaxy between 26-28 degrees Sagittarius. Sequentially, there is an inconjunction between the cycle that is now completing and the new one starting next year. Think about that in terms of necessary adjustments. **(JWG)**

Whether balsamic or new phase conjunction, the Soul has recently completed (or is completing) an entire cycle of the planetary pair: Saturn and Uranus. For many lifetimes the Soul has been building and establishing structures (such as choice of groups, country, race, financial disposition, etc.) and

then suddenly changing, tearing them down, and starting anew. Saturn works hard to establish structures that will bring stability, accomplishment, and a sense of security based on self-consistency. Saturn shares an affinity with the 2nd house whilst Uranus can free up Saturnian suppressive social conditioning patterns. Saturn and Uranus are opposite in their actions: they challenge each other. Saturn seeks stability, security, and control due to self-consistency whilst Uranus seeks to shatter all things Saturnian for the purpose of de-conditioning from the structures of the past. Saturn is the old; Uranus ushers in something new and revolutionary, based on expansion into outer planetary energies, moving away from a purely materialistic Earth-based reality, and transcending the boundaries of what has been possible in past lives. Uranus challenges past stagnation by overcoming security issues. With these archetypes fused together or conjunct, the Soul can work hard for survival purposes but can also mean sudden changes and shifts in direction.

The Soul may have a deep-seated fear of poverty. It could have over-compensated for past life excesses swinging from materialism to poverty. There could have been past life extremes of over-indulgences of the senses resulting in eating disorders. The Soul becomes stronger as it overcomes notions of what it needs for its survival and security, having "survived" all manner of past life disasters. The Soul values physical survival, economic security, sensual pleasures, food, comfort, stability, intellectual freedom, also diversity in its choices, and in its own individuality and uniqueness. The Soul's value systems are formed by withdrawing into itself.

Taurus on the 2nd house cusp forms an inconjunct to Libra on the 7th. Both house cusps are ruled by Venus. Taurus/2nd is the inner relationship to oneself whilst Libra/7th is the relationships to others. If the Soul's relationship to itself is based on Saturn and Uranus, then Libra/7th reflects the relationships it will attract and initiate with others, example: a mix of stable and rebellious types, others with whom one can collaborate, work, and establish something solid, and others with whom one can express the more liberating aspects of self. The Soul's Venusian values will determine with whom it will and will not form relationships. Venus with Saturn correlates to coldness and unloveability, but also the ability to make a commitment. Venus with Uranus brings interesting and different people into the life, ones who are not afraid to challenge the status quo. Venus correlates with extremes. If the Soul projects its needs too heavily upon others, then it will generate crisis and trauma in order to be thrown back upon itself.

The way Souls continue their survival in the Earth plane is through procreation. Therefore, the Soul will have a strong sexual nature along with sexual values. Whilst the 2nd house inclination is to cut oneself off from others and be sexually self-sufficient, the Uranian urge is to share oneself with others in groups of like-mind. The Soul can be sexually or emotionally manipulative to get what it wants to ensure survival, the survival instinct being extra strong. There can be extremes of personal isolation in contrast with excessive social or sexual activity.

The inherent resources of the Soul for its own survival are: creative ability, social vision, ability to apply and establish its ideas, organizational talents, ability to be alone, self-reliance, inner emotional security and strength, strong survival instinct, uniqueness, perseverance, revolutionary, unique, objective awareness, withdrawal in order to clear prevailing consensus opinions.

For further information, one can look at the whole archetype of Saturn, Capricorn, and the 10th house. Same for Uranus, Aquarius and the 11th house. The opposite house - the 8th - brings confrontations with others to break free from limitations. Negative feedback from intimate/powerful others enforce lessons of shared effort, and shared resources.

Throughout many lifetimes the Soul was tested to its very limits in survival mode. Traumas of death, starvation, and not being able to survive or sustain itself or its group is held in the long-term memory. Examples of the types of traumas that could lead to PTSD: excessive or distorted over-attachment to monetary system of valuation, manipulation and lies in order to survive, sudden highs and lows, sudden gains and losses, over-indulgence, starvation, eating disorders, mental trauma, physical/emotional trauma, problematic past life regimes/social orders, famines, wars, political disasters, racial trauma, group trauma (family, friends, tribe, race) - all held in the long-term memory.

### **URANUS CONJUNCT VENUS in TAURUS**

#### ***The Body Doesn't Lie!***

There may be a limit to what the mercurial mind can access, but all of our long term memories, symbolized by Uranus, are held in the cells of our body. This is why a Soul can have an apparent trauma-free life, yet if they are carrying traumas forward, as suggested in this signature, those traumas can be free floating within the feeling body and easily re-activated with intense surges of body memory, even if the triggers, from an outsiders perspective, come in relatively small degrees. The body and the Soul will experience the same physical and emotional response as it if were happening again in real time. When unresolved traumas are triggered, it can send the body into a tail spin whereby the PTSD is unleashed and the fears of a similar reality sky rocket. The Soul will feel to be right back in the life where the trauma occurred and the fears can be extremely irrational yet the

Soul feels to have zero control of their hold. Often times the Soul will expect, Venus, the worst possible scenario.

Uranus conjunct Venus in Taurus in the second symbolizes a Soul's front line survival being totally shaken and stripped due to events of a sudden or extreme nature. This signature can also reflect events in the current life that will force the Soul to be thrown back upon themselves for their own survival, in some cases they may also experience sudden death or at the very least would have have perished suddenly and watch others they love perish as well in other lives.

I discovered this tragic story in the news today -

### ***Arkansas couple died trying to shield daughter from Twister***

*"Melissa and Michael Mooneyhan met as high school students and quickly fell in love. The two were married in 2004, even before they graduated. More than a decade later, the pair died shielding their young daughter from a tornado as the twister chewed up the family's mobile home in Nashville, Arkansas. The home looked "like it had exploded, said Howard County Coroner John Gray, who called the little girl's survival "a miracle." Rescuers who found the family believe the couple perished while desperately trying to protect their child. When search crews lifted a piece of trailer debris, they found the girl squatting between her parents' bodies, awake and teary.*

*"I don't think she had nearly a scratch on her," said Howard County Emergency Management Coordinator Sonny Raulerson. "There wasn't enough room for her to even stand up. But she didn't try to crawl out. I don't think she wanted to leave her mama."*

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This child suddenly, tragically, has lost everything, not only her parents, but her home, and every literal possession except the clothes on her back. She is on her own, forced to start from scratch and go at it alone, learning shocking lessons in self reliance and survival. As a result of events of this nature, she will undoubtedly carry tremendous fears of losing someone she loves in the future, or fears of never seeing those she loves again.

A Soul carrying this signature may have lost everything that represented any form of security in another life and the PTSD of such events carried into this life. They would enter this life with a fear of losing it all and not having enough food or resources to survive. It may have been that this Soul was part of a tribe and a more dominating force suddenly came storming in without notice in the night, rummaging through their food and supplies, destroying their homes and raping their land, killing their loved ones, and stripping them of all that represented safety and security. It may be cases where the Soul themselves survived such an atrocity and was essentially left 'holding the bag'.

It could include any situation where survival was on the line, as in an earthquake or an avalanche etc, similar to the devastating events in Nepal. All is lost, an entire history of memories held in the walls and in the earth, vanishing in a flash or a blink. This Soul may have also lived through such an extreme event and 'watched' it all happen, witnessing those they love being tragically taken, the Soul may have survived this scene or survived just long enough for the pictures of devastation and horror to be permanently tattooed to their Soul.

Because the shock can be total, it would create an emotional freeze and an interrupted current in the nervous system. Events of this nature are impossible to process initially and can take lifetimes to work through as it will be necessary at some point to recover the shattered emotional pieces again, for it is the only way forward.

### ***Caught in the Act!***

Taurus, Venus and the second house, is also linked with sexuality and the Soul's inner relationship to itself.

With Uranus conjunct Venus in Taurus in the 2nd house, this symbolizes a Soul who may have been sexually 'caught in the act' and traumatized for it in some way. This could represent a child getting caught touching themselves, a natural exploratory need, yet shocked by the consequences of self touch and self discovery. This would prevent a real sense of feeling grounded if the soul was unable to tend to their essential needs in this way. It can ultimately lead to feeling inwardly fractured and disconnected within themselves, for any time they had a desire/need to tend to this inner urge, they would short circuit and in a sense, separate from themselves, creating a palpable displacement.

This signature could also equal Soul who was sexually traumatized by another, where boundaries were crossed and an interruption in the natural evolving sexual maturation process occurred, for example a priest molesting the alter boy.



There may have been trauma linked with the Soul's sexual nature. Considering Uranus is linked with being open or drawn to more unusual sexual preferences, this may be a Soul who has experienced trauma as a result of their chosen sexuality or sexual preferences, an example could be a gay man in the military getting caught with another man mid stream. You can imagine the fall out and the aftermath of such an occurrence. An extreme Uranian example of this would be the man on the receiving end of this exchange, considered to be the weaker of the two, being tortured to death while his male lover is forced to watch. A Soul in this context would do everything in his power to disconnect from his sexual nature so as not to potentially re-create the trauma again.

In essence, this would be a Soul who was traumatized in some way for their sexual nature, for there are countless counts and variations of this story, and the PTSD that would be in place, overriding any natural instinct to follow the inner physical call. This would lead to a Soul who's inner relationship to themselves would be fragmented at best, one that is linked with simple survival, similar to the frog in the well, only focusing on their piece of the sky, for fear if they look beyond those limits, they would lose their life, or worse yet, survive the traumatic loss of those they love - only to be left broken and alone, emotionally dust in the wind.

**Uranus in the Second House in Taurus relative to potential past traumatic experiences** can correlate with a Soul who has experienced trauma relative to the very things which sustained it thru life. Relative to past lives it can correlate with memories of sudden losses of that which was necessary for basic survival, such as food, clothing, other people to help them, resources, money and all types of material assets that are fundamental for basic survival.

On a personal level the Soul is learning to relate to itself in new ways with Uranus in the Second House in Taurus. Because of the desire to relate to itself in new ways, this means that the Soul is also liberating from past ways of relating to itself and associated values, thus may have subconscious memories of various types of trauma which leads to the objectivity needed in order to liberate from past ways of relating to itself. Because the nature of the Second House and Taurus is to focus whole heartedly on that which is essential for survival, this can lead to a limited attitude towards various aspects of life as the Soul attempted to identify and experience only the very things that it found essential for its life. Consequently that which is identified as essential for life also becomes highly valued and focused upon as something to maintain. The same can go for anything that is essential for survival such as a person, a forest or a lake, some material possession such as a weapon for hunting or a tool to build with, an inner resource such as one's voice for singing or anything really necessary. The basic value system itself will also be directly connected to whatever has been identified as necessary for life to thrive. As an example, in our day and age money is what is valued most by the majority of people as it's what allows them to go to a shop and buy what they need in order to live but, in a tribe in the Amazon, it might be the jungle and nature as that is what sustains the natives and all the other life forms in their environment.

Saturn and Uranus correlate with how we structure our world relative to our core sense of individuality. When the two are conjunct, let's say in a new phase relationship to one another, we have an initiation of a new cycle relative to how the Soul is attempting to integrate its individuality within a social reality and context. It indicates that this cycle has just begun in the recent past that led up to the present moment and it is also a very strong indication of potential trauma of various kinds. The conjunction between Saturn and Uranus is a stressful aspect in any chart as the energy of both planets are antagonistic. One contracts and controls, Saturn, and the other simply doesn't want to be contained, Uranus. In a new phase aspect there is also an Aries element to the combination which simply augments the pressure, tension and potential for destructive tendencies and/or trauma.

This aspect in itself is an indication of tension as the Soul needs freedom in order to experience its individuality in its own way thru the value system and can lead to a rebellious nature that does not bend to any authority unless in agreement with the way things are structured.

In the Second house, this conjunction can obviously correlate with a Soul that is rebelling

against traditional values of various types, such as the value people give to material possessions. The evolutionary level of awareness the individual Soul has evolved into will be crucial in order to understand that which the Soul is potentially rebelling against.

In all evolutionary levels the Soul will be attempting to find its place within the social structures it finds itself in, including the family structure. The individual will potentially feel alienated as he or she can attempt to implement various values which reflect the individual values and will have an impact on the way he or she relates to him or herself and thus to others. The Soul is attempting to find out what it values for itself on its own terms and this can create a vibration of rebellion that some others may feel threatened by as the individual rebels against traditional values that may seem to be crystalized to him or her. If threatened deeply enough and depending on other factors, others can attack and attempt to limit, control, ridicule or ostracize the Saturn/Uranus individual due to a sense of insecurity stemming from a desire to maintain the status quo at all costs. This can lead to various traumas including physical violence from others who feel threatened and attempt to suppress the individual's influence in various ways.

Because the Soul desires to develop its own value system based on its own inherent true individuality, the individual can also relate to itself in ways which are different from others in general who do not reflect the individual's true nature. The individual can end up by isolating him or herself from others who do not identify with the same values. The Soul is rejecting and rebelling from crystalized ways of relating to itself and this can lead to an individual who has a hard time finding others with who to identify with and who has a similar or compatible value system. The individual may thus be forced upon itself for inner sustenance on various levels including on a sexual level, in which the individual may express his or her sexuality primarily thru masturbation, as he or she may prefer to be self sufficient and isolated than to relate to others in ways that he or she doesn't really identify with, and thus rebels against them instead of being open and receptive.

If the sexual impulse is extremely strong which may very well be the case with a strong Second House, the individual may receive criticism for his or her sexuality which may be different and even seen as excessive by others. The individual may be experimental and have experiences that led to trauma in various ways such as going to the limits of one's physical ability, engaging in S&M practices, in the use of sexual toys or even bizarre sexual practices with others that may of led to traumatic experiences if taken too far or if judged negatively by others. Another possibility is being criticized/judged for the individual's natural sexual needs and criticized as a child or teenager for touching itself "inappropriately" and thus feeling shame and a fear of judgement for that which is a natural need. Sexual rejection by others can lead to psychological and emotional trauma. The self esteem and personal value of the individual can be shattered because these and other experiences that cyclically force the individual back upon him or herself, and the subconscious memories because of these traumas will condition the individual in all he or she experiences, until there is an objectification of the dynamics that led to trauma in order to be healed. Once objectified, the Soul can begin to heal and liberate from the subconscious and conscious effects of the traumas.

Remembering that Uranus is also connected to subconscious memories, the Soul may have within its long term memory banks memories of loss of life and an inability for various reasons to sustain itself or others or to maintain a certain quality of life which may of led to trauma. The individual may not remember the traumatic experiences but we are all conditioned by our emotional past and naturally gravitate back to that which is known and secure to us. Saturn conjunct Uranus is in itself the interfacing between the old crystalized and known reality, Saturn, and the need for a new way of being that is free from that which is known, Uranus. This can create inner tension as the Soul on the one hand desires the new and unknown and on the other hand desires to maintain a sense of security by holding on to that which is known. This duality of desires can create a reality that seems secure to the individual yet at the same time becomes a sense of limitation and stagnation as the individual can feel stuck by circumstances or people that it chose to maintain. Trauma can occur when sudden unexpected behaviours from other people, who may leave the individual because of his or her own inner conscious or not, desires to break free from them. Because these desires are generally not totally conscious, the result can be traumatic as the individual is shocked by these experiences and is forced upon him or herself once again. This can lead the individual to

further alienation and isolation as he or she intensifies the desire to be fully self sufficient on all levels.

Another area of potential trauma can be relative to money and possessions and how the individual earns his or her resources. There can be an inability to earn a living according to one's true values and this can lead to a heavy reality the person tries to break free from but is highly frustrated as he or she cannot find another means of income as the need to survive and put food on the table speaks louder than living according to one's true values. If sustained this can create a hatred of the system and of others who adopt the values the individual feels so oppressed by. This hatred can lead to various confrontations with others based on a conflict of interests due to different, incompatible value systems. An example may be a factory worker that simply does his job to get by and hates people who have more money than he or she does and therefore hates capitalism and can feel tiny, frustrated and the weight of the inequality in the world because of the capitalist social structure.

Another potential for trauma can come from a sense of rejection from others because of the tastes one develops and personal preferences, including sexual preferences. This can be a signature that potentially reflects homosexuality or an experimental sexual nature as the Soul needs to experiment in order to know what is a true reflection of its core individuality beyond what others, family or society may expect. Remembering the natural tendency of the Second House to be closed minded and intentionally limited in order to focus on that which is essential for survival, the Soul may focus wholeheartedly on that which it identifies with and simply discards people or symbols that represent that which it does not identify with. Saturn being the planet that correlates with judgement can also correlate with a huge amount of inner and outer judgement as the Soul focuses on that which it values and there can also be past life memories of being judged by others for having different values and tastes or even for having sexual preferences that were unconventional for the epoch. These judgements for being unique or for liking different things than what is "normal" may have led to traumatic experiences such as being beaten by a father for being homosexual, that stay in the memory banks of the Soul on a subconscious level. These memories can correlate with PTSD which manifest as fears of opening up to others.

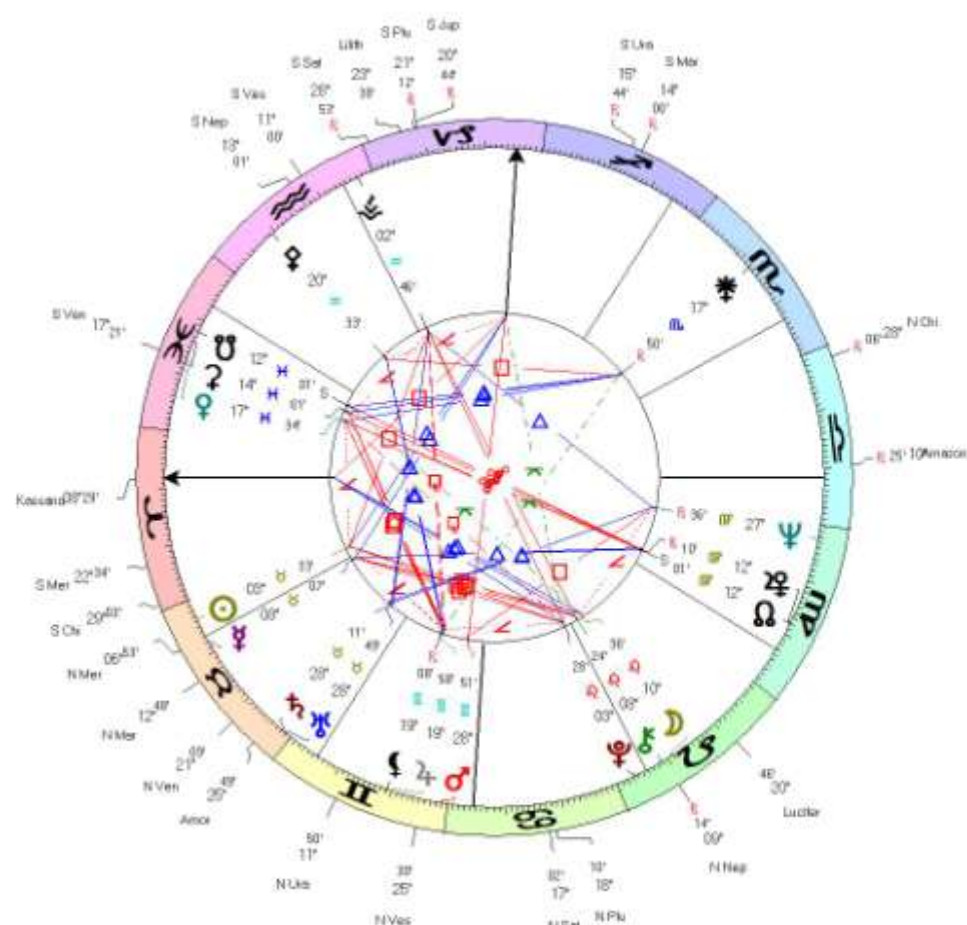
Possibly certain aspects of the physical body can be a source of potential trauma if the Soul doesn't identify with its body or even its current gender. If a person is very fat or hates his or her own voice or being male or female or some other physical attribute, it can lead to attracting others who will criticize him or her and possibly make fun of them or reject them in various ways. Think of children in school who can be scared of being with others because of these fears of ridicule and rejection for various physical attributes, which in itself can be traumatic to the child and have negative effects on the self image and self esteem.

The greatest traumas are probably related to the loss of life itself or to that which sustained life and to the loss of that which was most valued in varying degrees.

In summary these dynamics and others may lead to the Soul being born with PTSD, which can manifest as an ever greater tendency to isolate itself and be totally self sustainable in various ways in order to prevent further painful experiences. The self esteem and relationship to itself can be highly damaged as a result and personal relationships can also be a source of re-experiencing traumas until there is a healing release thru objectification and understanding of the dynamics that led to trauma.

Thank all three of you for taking the time to work on this. Your work is carefully thought out and well reasoned from an EA point of view that I hope can help others understand PTSD from the example that we used. I am posting the chart of Barbara Striesand who has a Saturn/Uranus conjunction in Taurus in her 2nd House. One of the core events in her singing career that created PTSD for her correlates to a time in which she was on stage signing on of her own songs and completely forgot the words .. she simply froze: Uranus. This event triggered an ongoing inner struggle within herself for many, many years afterwards in which she sought out psychological therapy to help her heal the stage fright and sheer panic that would happen to her after this event. She said this therapy never really helped her at all.

**barbara Streisand**  
**Natal Chart**  
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Barbara is not new to fame within the world of music. With a South Node in Pisces conjunct Venus as well as the SN of Venus in Pisces, this being the ruler of the Uranus/Saturn conjunction in Taurus in the 2nd, she has come through many lives as an icon in music and a popular figure, through the vehicle of her voice. Also, Pluto in the 5th house in Leo, ruler Sun in Taurus in the 1st, re-states the power of her place on the stage and viewed as being special in her field and a true stand-out.

The theme of being born into royalty is also seen within these symbols as she chose this path in order to secure her status and opportunity for the spotlight. She may have become competitive and within this, jealous, of anyone who challenged her stage, Pluto in Leo squares its ruler, the Sun, in the first house, so she may have manipulated others in her life in ways to secure her connection to those in power, to the people who could give her what she needed. Within this position of status, power and fame comes a feeling of entitlement and a sense of exclusivity, and the expectation of needing to be treated better than anyone else, in essence, deserving the royal treatment. She may have even used her power to remove others in her midst from using their voice, if she felt they might threaten her position. So she may have been responsible for destroying other people's dreams, for fear they would step on her toes and on her starlight. She does have Original Lilith in Saturn in the 10th, the need to be in control and recognized as the top dog authority, in this case, in the world of music, as the ruler is Saturn in Taurus in the 2nd with Uranus. She needs to be in full control in her life, so to experience a total loss of control, as in this case of forgetting her own lyrics on stage, would have created total trauma and shock leading to the feeling of never being able to safely or freely do what she loved, without the fear of this happening again.

Her Soul created the event of forgetting the words to her own music while on stage, in attempt to repent for becoming too full of her self in other times and for coming to believe that she was the Source of this gift, called her voice. Her Soul set up this scene of absolute humiliation as a necessary shock to wake her up and attempt to expand her awareness with Venus, ruler of the Uranus/Saturn conjunction in Taurus, in Pisces conjunct the SN of Venus and opposing its ruler Neptune in Virgo in the 6th house. So her own voice was taken from her in humiliating ways, she publicly and vulnerably removed herself from the throne.

The reason the therapy never worked was because she believed that she did not deserve the limelight, she did not deserve to shine. The Virgo/Pisces S/M axis is strongly expressed where the sadist thinks they are superior, and even feeling as if she was the chosen one, seen in the lens of the Jewish race, yet the chosen ones must suffer. The masochist believes at the same time not deserving and inferior. This is the paradox seen with Uranus. Uranus is in Taurus in the 2nd, the ruler Venus in Pisces in the 12th opposing Neptune in Virgo in the 6th. The therapy will also not work until her Soul starts singing for God, instead of singing for herself. The more adjustments she makes, North Node in Virgo in the 6th, the more clarity will be gained, and she can return freely to her creative ways and be the vehicle for God that she was designed to be for others.

### **Barbara Streisand**

With Pluto, Chiron and the Moon all in Leo in the Fourth and Fifth Houses and the South Node of the Moon in the Twelfth House and it's ruler Neptune in Virgo in the Sixth, She is learning about internal emotional security and may be highly wounded relative to her self image and ability to express herself. She is also extremely sensitive and vulnerable with these symbols, specially relative to her own self worth as she has the Sun and Mercury in Taurus, on top of the Saturn Uranus conjuncton, which is all ruled by Venus in Pisces in the Twelfth House. There is a natural innocence to her that also equals a huge amount of vulnerability with these symbols and as she learns to "come out of her shell" in order to express herself as is desired and shown

by the stellium with Pluto in Leo and planets in the Fifth House. She also had to learn to be in the spotlight. This spotlight may of triggered memories of a loss of life due to judgement and persecution as can be seen by the South Node and Venus in conjunction in the twelfth House and Neptune in the Sixth House and also the South Nodes of Jupiter, Saturn and Pluto in the Tenth House. With Pluto in the Fourth House and the South Node in the Twelfth House there can be a hiding signature because of the high degree of sensitivity and a natural fear of being seen or discovered because of past life persecutions. With Saturn/Uranus in the Second House it's possible she was robbed of her resources or gifts in various ways even to the point of losing her life and in this life with the Sun in the First House in Taurus square Pluto she is learning to stand up and fight for herself by confronting her very own insecurities and by developing inner strength and courage.

Relative to her incident in which she was unable to remember the lyrics to her song, it seems that at the time she was also going thru a very expansive period which would be catapulting her career and this may of uncovered hidden vulnerabilities and sensitivities within her and thus uncovered subconscious fears of being exposed.

To me these fears stem from a fear of judgement and ridicule and of being powerless at the hands of others, which may of been something she experienced in her recent past. The evolutionary intention seems to be for her to uncover deep vulnerabilities within her emotional make up that were effecting her on a subconscious level and thus limiting her expression, and also to humble her.

I Googled her incident with stage fright, which is well documented and it was in 1967 on the 17th of June when she was going to sing for 135.000 people in New York. Interestingly, Mercury was smack on the North Node of Pluto in the Fourth House. This brought awareness of her deep insecurities and that the way forward is to be able to FEEL safe from within.

With the Sun and Mercury square Pluto, Chiron and the Moon in the Fifth House there can also be a huge inner sense of inadequacy and a difficulty in expressing herself because of a potentially negative self image or a difficulty in relating to herself for various reasons. One reason may be a recent gender switch and therefore a difficulty in relating to herself in her new gender and another may be feeling tiny and inadequate as she was born into a very poor family when she may have a very strong sense of special destiny. It's possible she was in positions of high power and nobility in her Soul history and suddenly was in a very vulnerable situation in which she was tested about the true value of her inner resources in this life time. From looking at her I am reminded of Egypt and the pharaohs.

At that time when she experienced her traumatic incident, Saturn in transit was forming an inconjunct to her North Node in Virgo in the Sixth House. She was also humbling herself, her ego, thru the emotional insecurity that she experienced, which created a sense of crisis and led to her having to further develop her inner strength and personal value.

At that event she had the transiting Sun approaching a square to Neptune in the Sixth House and is the ruler of her South Node in the Twelfth House, adding to the humbling effect by making her feel utterly emotionally vulnerable and lost, with nothing to hold on to.

## **What your brain looks like after a near-death experience**

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On August 24, 2001, Air Transat Flight 236, with 306 passengers and crew members aboard, began its scheduled flight from Toronto to Lisbon, Portugal, but didn't quite make it. Midway over the Atlantic Ocean, there was a fuel leak, then a power outage, and Captain Robert Piché and First Officer Dirk de Jager decided to make an emergency landing. The lights went off, the engines failed, cabin depressurization began, and passengers were given instructions for the deployment of life jackets and oxygen masks.

But just after announcing the plane was about to go into the water, Piché spotted a runway in the Azores, the volcanic islands about 900 miles off the coast of Portugal. To lose altitude, he conducted one 360-degree turn and additional S-turns. Passengers screamed as the plane swung around, then back and forth, but outside their windows they saw water turn to land. Warning his passengers to brace themselves, Piché then aimed for the landing strip, and the plane hit it twice before the crew could apply maximum braking pressure and bring the 200-ton aircraft to a stop. Miraculously, nobody died.

In the years since, the survivors of that near-death experience have become a sort of lab experiment for researchers trying to understand the long-term consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The person who proposed studying these survivors was Dr.



Margaret McKinnon, an associate professor of psychiatry and neuroscience at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, and one of the passengers on Flight 236. She developed PTSD after that harrowing landing.

"The study was an opportunity to turn something negative into a positive experience and hopefully make a contribution to the science of PTSD," she says.

In an initial experiment conducted three years after the traumatic incident, 15 passenger-participants—seven with PTSD—completed a memory test to probe the quality of their memories of the flight. "Everyone on board had a different experience," says McKinnon. Uncomfortable discussing the details of her trauma from that day, she just says, "I thought I would die and came to some form of acceptance around that."

For the study, participants also were asked to recall two other events: their memories of the events of 9/11 and a neutral autobiographical event. These two other memories would serve as comparison points and help the researchers understand how trauma affects memory.

"There were two main findings from that study," says Brian Levine a professor of psychology at the University of Toronto and one of the researchers on the project. First, all the passengers remembered a remarkably large amount of detail from the Air Transat incident. Levine refers to this as emotionally enhanced memory. "Everyone on the plane generated two to three times more information about that event than other events we tested," he says.

The second finding was that the people with PTSD tended to veer off-topic when interviewed about the near-crash, recalling additional but somewhat irrelevant information, compared with the people without PTSD. This suggests they have problems with their control over memory, says Levine. Interestingly, those with PTSD not only remembered more external, tangential details from the traumatic plane landing; their recollections of 9/11 and the neutral event were also cluttered with superfluous details.

Nearly a decade following this initial stage of research, eight passengers agreed to return for a second chapter of the study. This group, which had a brain scan, ranged in age from 30s to 60s and included some who had been diagnosed with PTSD. Placed inside a functional MRI scanner, the eight passengers recalled details of their experience on Flight 236 while they watched the Discovery Channel's video re-creation of the incident, which included looking down on the island where the emergency landing took place.

"I can tell you, I re-experienced the event, it was that evocative of the experience," says McKinnon, who participated in the study. "I felt I was suspended in the air again."

She adds, "They say in trauma the body keeps the score," and the study's results provide a neurological explanation why: As the participants recalled their near-plane crash experience, emotional memory regions of their brains lit up—the amygdala, hippocampus and midline frontal and posterior regions.

"Memory is an activation of a number of brain regions at once," says Daniela Palombo, lead author of the study and a postdoctoral researcher at the Boston University School of Medicine. "The amygdala is classically involved in emotion, while the hippocampus is important to memory. The posterior regions play a role in visual imagery, and the prefrontal cortex comes onboard for self-referential processes."

Following their latest Flight 236 re-creations, the passengers were asked to recall their experience of 9/11 while watching footage of the terrorist attacks, and, finally, they recalled a neutral autobiographical event. The participants' brain activity when discussing 9/11 was similar to what had occurred during their memories of the near-plane crash. And, as expected, the pattern did not occur when they recalled a neutral event. What was surprising, though, is that these patterns were not evident in people who hadn't been involved in a near-plane crash, even when they recalled 9/11 while undergoing a brain scan.

"People who have observed trauma might see the world differently," says Palombo. She believes the emergency landing scare may have changed the way the brains of those

passengers process new information. Following trauma, we may be more sensitive to painful life experiences, Palombo suggests, and so we view the world through new lenses. “The research supports the idea of a lasting memory trace, a carryover effect,” she says.

Those passengers would be more affected by 9/11 because, Palombo says, it “hits home—certainly we can imagine they would relate to 9/11 differently than other people.” And PTSD research supports the idea that any element resembling the traumatic event will be perceived by a trauma survivor as threatening, even when it occurs in a safe environment.

The two studies also suggest that how you see the world to begin with may make you more or less predisposed to PTSD, should you undergo a traumatic experience. “Everybody’s memory works differently,” explains Levine. Some people remember events in a precise way, with relevant details lining up in an orderly fashion, while other people seem to take in more superfluous details in a more disorganized way.

“For people who have that second kind of memory, more extraneous information getting in, they may be more susceptible to PTSD when traumatized,” Levine speculates. “It’s the interplay between the cognitive systems and the emotional systems that may determine how you cope.” In those who develop PTSD, “the emotional part may overwhelm the system,” he says.

These findings add fuel to the theory that when it comes to PTSD, it’s not so much that a traumatic memory exists but that it can be later triggered in unpredictable ways and unexpected times. McKinnon’s hope is that an enriched knowledge of brain activity following a traumatic experience could help advance current therapies built around processing these uncontrolled memories.